

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



St. Peter's Greenock (GR)
Nain Lutheran Church (N)
St. Michael's Gnadenfrei, Marananga (M)

Sunday 17th March 2024
Lent 5

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God's
eternal love
is the source
of our
eternal life.

Welcome! We pray that you are blessed through the hearing of God's Word and His assurance of sins forgiven. May our lives respond in praise and thanksgiving.

This Sunday's Services:

- 9.00am Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene
Gnadenfrei Marananga - Lay Reading with Helen Carter.
- 10.30am St Peter's Greenock HC - with Pastor Eugene

Opening:

Unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies,
it remains alone.

But its death will produce many new kernels –
a plentiful harvest of new lives. (*John 12:24 NLT*)

Psalm: 119:12-16(NLT)

I praise you, O Lord;

teach me your decrees.

I have recited aloud all the regulations
you have given us.

I have rejoiced in your laws as much as in riches.

I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways.

I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray that we remain united with Christ.

Jesus our Saviour, thank you for coming to give us life through your suffering and death. Keep us following you wherever you lead us, because we know that you have promised to take us home to God. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Bible Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34 God promises a new covenant.

Hebrews 5:5-10 Jesus the great high priest, made perfect through suffering.

John 12:20-33 Jesus announces that his hour has come.

Message Theme & Text: 'Buried Grain' (*John 12:20-33*)

Offering Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for making us yours through the sacrifice of your Son. Let your Spirit live in us to make us more and more like Christ. Lead us to serve others with all that you have given us. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

Helen Carter – LR: Gnadenfrei Marananga

Ray and Helen Carter (M); Trevor and Lyn Waldhuter (G); Malachi Obst (N)

Confirmation Group: Jade Kalleske, Olivia Kalleske, Riley McDonald, Ebony Noack and Jack Werner

Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace, or mourning the death of a loved one.

Next Sunday: 24th March (Violet) – Palm Sunday and Confirmation Day

9.00am St Peter's Greenock HC - with Pastor Eugene

Nain –Lay Reading service with Alex Zimmermann

****Please refer to this Bulletin to confirm Sunday service times.****

Bible Readings: Psalm 31:9-16

Isaiah 50:4-9a The obedience of the Lord's servant.

Philippians 2:5-11 Christ – obedient servant and exalted Lord.

Mark 11:1-11 Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 24th March

Flowers – Kirsty Seabrook **Cleaning** – Elaine Obst and Tracey Billing

Readings –Kylie Rosenzweig **Welcoming/Kids Chat** – Ali Barkley

Welcoming/Attendance – Carol K., Elaine O., Janet and Malcolm N. **H/C.** Ali B.

Music – John & Ali, Kylie L. and Sally **PowerPoint** – Riley McDonald

Sound – Henry Barkley **Stewards** – Mark and Noelene Kalleske

Take Note:

➤ **Gnadenfrei AGM** – TODAY **Sunday 17th March** after worship.

➤ **St. Peter's AGM** – TODAY **Sunday 17th March**, following 10:30 HC Service.

➤ **Parish Council**

Meeting **Monday 18th March** at 7pm, Greenock Chat Room



➤ **Parish Prayer Group**

10am on Tuesday **19th March** at Helen Wendt's and will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month during 2024. All are welcome.

➤ **Lent Bible Studies**

This week (**20th March**) we will be reading and discussing the account of Jesus' crucifixion in Mark 15:21-47, from 10.30am (10am for a cuppa) at Gnadenfrei or 7.30pm at Greenock (Zoom link available).

➤ **Confirmation**

Pastor Eugene would like to meet with parents and young people who would like to join the next Confirmation group at 5pm on **Thursday 21st March** in the St Peter's Chat Room. Please contact Pastor Eugene for more information.

➤ **Movie Night**

You're invited to a screening of the 1973 movie of the rock musical *Jesus Christ Superstar* this Friday evening **22nd March** at St Peter's. Pizza from 6.30pm and movie will start about 7pm. Cost \$5 per person for pizza. BYO bean bag or comfy chair, drinks and snacks. Please let Pastor Eugene know if you're coming to help with catering or for more details.

➤ **Parish Ladies Fellowship**

Meeting **Tuesday 26th March**, in the Chat Room at 1pm. Bible Study with Pastor on the Women of Easter. If you can please bring an 'Easter theme' item for display; and suitable items (produce, goods) for a small trading table. For more details please ask Ennis, Margaret or Marj.

➤ **Latest LCA e-News**

Press Ctrl & click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/240305>

Easter Service Times

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| Palm Sunday (24/3) | 9am Confirmation Service with HC (St Peter's) 9am Lay Reading Service (Nain) with Alex Zimmermann |
| Maundy Thursday (28/3) | 7.30pm Service with HC and foot washing (St Peter's) |
| Good Friday (29/3) | 9am Service with Good Friday Walk (Gnadenfrei)* 10.30am Service with Good Friday Story (Nain)* |
| Easter Sunday (31/3) | 7am Dawn Service with HC followed by Hot Cross Buns (Nain) 9am Resurrection Celebration with HC (St Peter's) 10.30am Resurrection Celebration with HC (Gnadenfrei) |

*** We are looking for lots of people to help read the story of Jesus' suffering and death at both of our Good Friday services. If you would like to help at either service, please contact Pastor Eugene**

Notes On The Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34: Jeremiah's repeated condemnations of the people's unfaithfulness to their covenant God are followed in this reading by one of the most remarkable prophecies in Scripture. The marriage-like relationship established by the Lord in the covenant made at Mount Sinai was broken time and time again. God, though, would make a new and better covenant with both Israel and Judah. He would write the 'law' of this covenant into their hearts in such a way that it would transform and keep them permanently both as 'knowing him' and known by him. In the gospel promises, the sin which separates us from God is cleansed. Through Christ the Spirit 'writes' the terms of this covenant through the faith which receives forgiveness and then serves in love.

Hebrews 5:5-10: To understand this reading we need to remember that Christ Jesus born in the flesh was both fully God and at the same time fully human. The two messianic psalm quotes (Psalm 2:7 and Psalm 110:4) indicate this. The priesthood 'after the order of Melchizedek' denotes a different order of priests than the Jewish Levites. Jesus could only be a priest 'forever' if he were fully God. Yet this priesthood required offering himself as the sacrifice. He therefore had to be fully human in order to die. Verses 7 and 8 powerfully demonstrate the human helplessness and intense suffering of Gethsemane in his prayers. To undergo this work successfully and to achieve universal salvation could only be attained through his perfection as God, but also reached through his perfect human obedience.

John 12:20-33: When some Greeks wished to see Jesus, the answer of Jesus to their request (conveyed by Andrew and Philip) was an announcement of his coming passion. Jesus' real glorification was to be in fulfilling the will of the Father that his single death would bring eternal life for all. Any who would see this 'glorification' could do so only through faith which loses the worldly life but gains the heavenly and transforms the believer to the joy of loving service to the Father. The voice of God (as at Sinai) affirms Jesus' announcement and determination. Through his death and resurrection Satan is driven out and Jesus draws all to himself.

Please send Bulletin info to Nola and Parish Email by Wednesday 5pm.

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Greenock Lutheran Parish

Our Culture, Leadership and Governance are Childsafe.

Child safety is embedded in the culture, leadership and governance of our Parish. Our Parish prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and demonstrates this through all levels of its leadership. Our Parish has no tolerance for child abuse in any form.