

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 14th April 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter

Theme for our worship [based on today's Bible readings]:

"God's People Boldly Proclaim Jesus' Easter Victory!"

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*Opening our
hearts and
homes
blesses both
us and
others.*

Welcome! God bless you through the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the gift of new life. May our lives respond in praise and thanksgiving. Thank you to Pastor Ken Pfitzner for taking services in the parish today

This Sunday's Services:

9.00am Gnadenfrei Marananga HC- with Pastor Ken Pfitzner
St Peter's Greenock - Lay Reading with John and Ali Barkley
10.30am Nain HC- with Pastor Ken Pfitzner

Opening:

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children,
and that is what we are! (1 John 3:1 NLT)

Psalm: 4:1,4-8 (NLT) *A confident plea for God's deliverance from enemies because of his power and protection.*

You are my God and protector.

Please answer my prayer.

I was in terrible distress, but you set me free.

Now have pity and listen as I pray.

How long will you people refuse to respect me?

You love foolish things,

and you run after what is worthless.

The LORD has chosen everyone who is faithful to be his very own,
and he answers my prayers.

But each of you had better tremble and turn from your sins.

Silently search your heart as you lie in bed.

Offer the proper sacrifices and trust the LORD.

There are some who ask, "Who will be good to us?"

Let your kindness, LORD, shine brightly on us.

You brought me more happiness

than a rich harvest of grain and grapes.

I can lie down and sleep soundly
because you, LORD, will keep me safe.

**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 for the assurance of Christ's presence.

Almighty and merciful God, you made the disciples glad by the sight of the risen Lord. Remind us that he is always with us, and that we now share in his resurrection. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Bible Readings:

Acts 3:12-19 Peter's message in the temple.

1 John 3:1-7 We are children of God.

Luke 24:36b-48 Christ has fulfilled the Scripture.

Message Theme and Text: 'We're privileged to be living witnesses of the living Lord!' (Acts 3: 15,16; 4:8-10,12-13)

Offering Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for raising your Son from death, and for reassuring us of his presence with us. Help us to live as your children, and use us to bring your new life to other people. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

Pastor Ken Pfitzner and Joan; John & Ali Barkley and family
Matthew Materne (M); Peter and Kylie Wendt & family (G); Lynette Schiller (N)
Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace,
or mourning the death of a loved one.

Next Sunday: 21st April – 4th Sunday of Easter & Good Shepherd Sunday (white)
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9.00am Nain HC- with Pastor Ken Pfitzner

Gnadenfrei Marananga - Lay Reading with Cathy and Grant Wills

10.30am St Peter's Greenock HC- with Pastor Ken Pfitzner

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

Bible Readings: Psalm 23

Acts 4:5-12 Peter and John before the council.

1 John 3:16-24 The Christian's assurance.

John 10:11-18 The good shepherd dies for the sheep.

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 21st April

Flowers - Nola Wendt **Cleaning** – Chris Mibus and Lyn Hoffmann

Welcoming/Attendance – Lyn Schmidt and Mark Kernich **H/C** – Ali Barkley

Readings - Lyn Schmidt **Announcements/Kids Chat** - Ali Barkley

Music – John, Ali, Sally Kylie **PowerPoint** – Peter Rawlings

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

Take Note:

➤ Pastor on Leave

Pastor Eugene will be having 6 weeks of leave and will return on **Monday 13th May**. If you have a pastoral emergency during his absence, please contact your congregation's chairman or another member of your church council. Pastor Detlev has made himself available to respond to any emergency in the Parish while Pastor Eugene is on leave.

➤ Parish Ladies Fellowship

Tuesday 23rd April at 1pm at Chat Room Greenock. Bible Study with Pastor Detlev.

Please bring a sample of your favourite homemade Anzac biscuits. Small trading table.

➤ Barossa Christian Life Week (CLW)

Hosted at Cornerstone College, Mount Barker **8th 12th July** are looking for catering assistance for the week, jobs involve prepping, cooking, serving food to the young people, cleaning, packing up and fellowship. If anyone is interested, please contact Anneka Wilksch Ph 0422935851 or email

Anneka.Wilksch@lca.org.au

➤ Latest LCA e-News

Press Ctrl & click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/240319>

Notes On The Readings

Acts 3:12-19: You would never think that Peter was preaching in order to gain believers for Christ - that is, if you think that the message preached must always be agreeable to the ears of the listeners in order not to frighten them away. When people stop in amazed awe at the miraculous healing of a crippled beggar, Peter tells them the real author of the miracle, namely the Christ they rejected. Then he virtually throws at them five instances of the people's guilt in Jesus' innocent death. Though they did it in ignorance, Peter tells them and us that there is no way to God except through honest repentance over sin and cleansing of that sin through God's forgiveness.

1 John 3:1-7: John writes about Christians in seeming contradiction. Sometimes he says they are sinners (compare last week's reading, 1 John 1:8); sometimes he says they don't sin (eg today's reading, verses 6,7). We need to apply Luther's scriptural insight here, that the Christian is at the same time both saint and sinner. Washed in the blood of Jesus we stand 100% cleansed and forgiven in the sight of God, sinners though we continue to be according to our own nature. Here, then, is the great motivation for non-stop growth in personal holiness, verse 3, that living in permanent and sure hope of our full and final redemption in glory we purify ourselves in his gracious forgiveness and constantly move on to renewed righteousness.

Luke 26:36b-48: Whenever God showed his presence to people in the Scriptures, they felt terror at the numinous experience (as did the shepherds at Bethlehem). The disciples show similar terror at Jesus' resurrection appearance recorded here by St Luke. No doubt guilty feelings would augment that reaction. However, Jesus neither castigates nor rejects them for their littleness of faith, but rather adapts to their limits by lovingly illustrating his physical fulfilment of the pre-crucifixion promises of rising from the dead. The word of God, upon which our relationship with God also exclusively hinges, required this process for the proof of its truth and effectiveness of God's declaration of forgiveness of sins.

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.