

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 21st April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Theme for our worship

*When we draw
near to God
our minds are
refreshed and
our strength
renewed.*

"Jesus Has Conquered the Powers of Death, and Cares For Us as the 'Good Shepherd'"

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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 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

Opening:

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

(John 10:11 NIV)

Psalm: 23

The Lord is my shepherd,

I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



**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 God's help to do his will.

God of peace, you brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep. Equip us through his blood, which sealed the eternal covenant, with every good thing we need to do your will, and work in us what is pleasing to you. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Bible Readings:

- Today's Readings assure us of the new life that God gives us through Jesus, the 'Good Shepherd' – as the One who 'lay down his life for the sheep,' but then took it up again in his resurrection. Through his sacrifice, the living Lord conquered the powers of sin and death for us forever.
- The Second Reading [from Revelation 21:3-5] is one of the Readings for **Anzac Day**, which is on this coming Thursday.

Acts 4:5-12 The crucified and living Lord Jesus is proclaimed as the only One by whom people are saved.

Revelation 21:3-5 In John's heavenly vision, the living Lord is revealed as the One who has overcome death.

John 10:11-18 Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life in genuine love for his sheep.

Message: John 10:10b,14-18 (especially verses 10b,11,18a)

"I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fulness. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. . . . No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord."

- **"WHAT DID THEY DIE FOR . . . ?"** [looking ahead to Anzac Day]

Offering Prayer:

Eternal loving Shepherd, your Son laid down his life for us, his sheep. Help us to follow him by loving and serving the people around us. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

Pastor Ken Pfitzner and Joan; Cathy and Grant Wills

Josh, Ebony and Jacob Mieglich (M); Roger and Rosi Wendt & family (G);

Graeme and Trish Seymon (N)

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

Next Sunday: 28th April – 5th Sunday of Easter (white)

9.00am St Peter's Greenock - with Pastor Ken Pfitzner

Nain - Lay Reading with Alex Zimmermann

10.30am Gnadenfrei Marananga - with Pastor Ken Pfitzner

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

Bible Readings: Psalm 22:25-31

Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian.

1 John 4:7-21 Love one another, as God loved us.

John 15:1-8 The true vine and the fruitful branches

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 28th April

Flowers - Angela Bowmer **Cleaning** – Sally Kalleske and Megan Klose

Welcoming/Attendance – John and Greta Schild

Readings - John Schild **Announcements/Kids Chat** - Sandra Schwarz

Music – Heather Obst and Megan Klose **PowerPoint** – Jack Mickan

Sound - Ashley Klose **Stewards** – Troy Kalleske and Tania 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

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➤ Please help Hannah Barkley journey to Cambodia to work with RAW Impact

See insert provided for more details as to how you might be able to assist.

➤ Latest LCA e-News

Press Ctrl & click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/240416>

Notes On The Readings

Acts 4:5-12: Annas and Caiaphas, together with the leaders of the ecclesiastical court before whom Jesus was arraigned the night before he died, are joined by two others of the high-priestly family. Clearly the miracle of a lame man's healing was viewed as a threat to the religious wellbeing of Jerusalem. The same kind of question as directed to Jesus requires here a similar answer from Peter and John; namely to answer the challenge of the power by which they had 'done' this miracle. Note well that the answer simply refers the religious powers that be back to the same Jesus whom they had sent to execution. With no punches pulled as to the guilt of their judges, Peter and John attest strongly to the only way to God, namely through the risen Saviour's forgiveness of sin (salvation).

1 John 3:16-24: To know the love of Christ through trust that his life was laid down for us is also to know our salvation. This is always followed by that same love shining through us. Patent sincerity in loving and sharing action is an outward expression of that inward love. The witness of the Holy Spirit that we have no condemnation from God but rather an open access to him is paralleled by abiding obedience to his commandments.

John 10:11-18: Who knows of a true shepherd who will not face danger to protect his sheep from danger? Jesus, as the good shepherd, will go even further than that. He will lay down his life for the sheep! God himself was the 'good Shepherd' of ancient Israel. By calling himself by that name Jesus is claiming divine status. The resurrection, 'taking up his life again', also proves that status for us. Therefore genuine members of the flock believe and trust his word. In this way there can be only one flock.

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.