

# Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Theme for our worship

***"The Life and Love of the Living Lord Flows Through His People"***

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*Those who  
love God  
will love  
their  
neighbour.*

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 St Peter's Greenock - with Pastor Ken Pfitzner

Nain - Lay Reading with Alex Zimmermann

10.30am Gnadenfrei Marananga - with Pastor Ken Pfitzner

### Opening:

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.

**Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7 NLT)**

Psalm: 22:25-31 *All people will come to praise to God for his deliverance from suffering and death*

In the full assembly I will praise you for what you have done;

**in the presence of those who worship you I will offer the sacrifices I promised.**

The poor will eat as much as they want;

those who come to the Lord will praise him.

**May they prosper forever!**

All nations will remember the Lord.

**From every part of the world they will turn to him; all races will worship him.**

The Lord is king,

**and he rules the nations.**

All proud people will bow down to him;

**all mortals will bow down before him.**

Future generations will serve him;

**they will speak of the Lord to the coming generation.**

People not yet born will be told:

**The Lord saved his people.**

**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:

We pray that we may remain in Christ...

**Loving heavenly Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. Strengthen our faith, so that we may remain united with him and bear the fruit of love. 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 show how the risen LORD is at work in the lives of his people. He sends them to take his good news far and wide, as Philip shares the Gospel with an Ethiopian. The Readings also emphasise that as we remain in Christ, the reality of our new life in him is shown in the way we love one another.

Acts 8:26-40 An Ethiopian is baptised after hearing Philip explain the Scriptures.  
1 John 4:7-21 Christians are to love one another, in the way God loved us in Christ.  
John 15:1-8 Jesus is the true vine, we are living branches bearing fruit of his love

**Message: John 15:1,5-8 *"We're privileged to be living branches attached to Jesus, the vine!"***

Offering Prayer:

**Loving heavenly Father, thank you for giving us new life through your Son. Make us fruitful branches of the true vine. Help us to keep trusting in him and to show your love by loving other people. Lead us to live in harmony with one another and to this help others in need. Amen.**

Parish Prayer Points: Pastor Ken Pfitzner and Joan; Alex Zimmermann  
Peter and Jenny Neldner (M); Steven and Leo Wendt & family (G); Glenda Young (N)  
Family of Elva Dahlenberg who passed away this week.

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

**Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Mother's Day (white)**

9.00am Gnadenfrei Marananga HC - with Pastor Graham Jenke  
St Peter's Greenock - Lay Reading with Peter Rawlings & John Barkley  
10.30am Nain HC - with Pastor Graham Jenke

Bible Readings: Psalm 98:

Acts 10:44-48 The Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit.  
1 John 5:1-6 Faith gives us victory over the world.  
John 15:9-17 Jesus calls us his friends.

## St Peter's Greenock Rosters 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Flowers** - Carol Kalleske **Cleaning** – Karyn Materne and Angela Bowmer

**Welcoming/Attendance** – Carol Kalleske and Elaine Obst

**Readings** - Carol Kalleske **Announcements/Kids Chat** – John Barkley

**Music** – John, Ali, Kylie and Megan **PowerPoint** – Rhys Werner

**Sound** – Lisa Werner **Stewards** – Kym Kalleske and Richard Schulz

### **Take Note:**

#### ➤ Pastor on Leave

Pastor Eugene returns on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** from 6 weeks of Leave. If you have a pastoral emergency during his absence, please contact your congregation chairman or another member of your church council. Pastor Detlev has made himself available to respond to any emergency in the Parish at this time.

➤ **Elva Dahlenberg** passed away earlier in the week, funeral details to be arranged.

#### ➤ Barossa Christian Life Week 'BAKE SALE'(CLW)

A Bake Sale & Sausage Sizzle is being held on **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May**, at St Petri Lutheran Church to raise general funds for the upcoming Christian Life Week Camp in July. The Bake Sale will occur before the 10:30 am Service, with the Sausage Sizzle to follow the Service. Any donations of baked goods, such as slices or biscuits, would be greatly appreciated. Please contact **Lisa Werner (0427 395 932)** to organise pick-up or drop-off before the Bake Sale.

#### ➤ Ladies Fellowship extra event

**Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>** at 11.30am: shared lunch and movie at Enis' home, Lot 41, Branson Road, Greenock.

➤ Ladies You are invited to the 57th annual Convention of the Lutheran Women of SA-NT on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**, at Zion Lutheran Church, 15 Glynburn Rd, Glynde. Coffee at 9am; worship at 9.30am. Theme: "No Longer Strangers' (Eph. 2:19)

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

Please see email attachment for more details as to how you might be able to assist. Special Cambodia Fundraising Morning Tea on **19<sup>th</sup> May**, at St Peter's.

#### ➤ Latest LCA e-News

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

### **Notes On The Readings**

**Acts 8:26-40:** The Lord had indicated before his ascension that the gospel would be preached in Jerusalem, then in Judea and Samaria; and thence into all the world. The Jerusalem persecution dispersed Christians into the surrounding regions. Philip was involved in consolidating the work in Samaria. At its completion the Spirit directed him to seek out the Ethiopian emissary on the Gaza road on his return to his homeland. Having obtained a Greek language scroll of the Scriptures, the man was reading from

Isaiah, chapter 53 vv 7,8. These verses in prophecy sum up Jesus' ministry very nicely. Philip took the opportunity to expound the gospel to the eunuch on their basis. The conviction of faith was followed immediately by baptism upon the eunuch's request. Notice that the new-found faith produced a transparent joy in this new believer. The gospel is seen to be starting to reach now into remoter regions of 'the world'.

**1 John 4:7-21:** God loves not because people are worthy of his love, but because that is the kind of God he is. To see that love means that we need to see ourselves as the objects of God's wrath, and yet as people for whom Christ died. It is only in seeing his anger averted that we see what real love is. Seeing a God like that means we in turn recognise that we in the same way ought to love one another. Christians need to be growing in this love, for when love is perfected the fear of God disappears. It is in this that the Spirit uses the new life as an inner witness that our lives are changed, that we are the children of God (vv 13-16). Faith and love combine to breed a confidence in God's goodwill over against judgment; which again reinforces the eradication of hatred (vv 19-21).

**John 15:1-8:** The utter dependence of the Christian on Jesus for all spiritual life with God is brought out here. The picture of the vine brings to mind various Old Testament passages in which Israel is depicted as God's vine. Jesus is productive for the Father as Israel was meant to be but never was. Believers are part of Jesus, as branches are to the vine, in such a way that all nourishment and life flow from him as sap does in the vine. Therefore nourishment ceases when that contact ceases. God, the vinedresser prunes (purifies) the vine in order to maximise production. While the disciples were already cleansed by Jesus' teaching, yet continued pruning would continue to improve the fruit-bearing process. Prayer is both a sign of and an instrument in the energising process, the fruit-bearing being a proof of that discipleship.

**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.