

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 15th December 2024
Advent 3 – Year C

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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.

Special welcome to members visiting from Karlsruhe Congregation from Waterloo who are being hosted by the Gnadenfrei congregation today.

This Sunday's Services:

9.00am St Peter's Greenock - with Pastor Eugene
Nain - Lay Reading with Michael Obst

10.30am Gnadenfrei Marananga - with Pastor Eugene

Opening:

The Lord your God is with us; the mighty One will save us.

He will rejoice over us.

We will rest in his love;

he will sing and be joyful about us. (Zephaniah 3:17 NCV)

Psalm Isaiah 12: 2-6 (NLT)

See, God has come to save me.

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

The Lord God is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.

With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!

In that wonderful day you will sing:

"Thank the Lord! Praise his name!

Tell the nations what he has done.

Let them know how mighty he is!

Sing to the Lord, for he has done wonderful things.

Make known his praise around the world.

Let all the people of Jerusalem shout his praise with joy!

For great is the Holy One of Israel who lives among you."

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 receive Christ with joy.

Jesus, our promised Messiah, John the Baptist went ahead of you and proclaimed the good news of your coming. Give us the grace to receive you with joy as our redeemer, and to faithfully follow you. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-20 The Lord will renew us by his love.

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice! The Lord is near.

Luke 3:7-18 What must we do?

Message Theme & Text: 'Joy' (Philippians 4:4-7)

(A written version and audio file are available at www.pastoreugene.online)

Offering Prayer:

Loving Father, change our lives through the good news of your Son Jesus, so we turn away from sin and towards you in faith, hope and love, living as your holy people and doing what you want us to. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

Michael Obst (LR - Nain)

Julie Buckby (M); Mark Kernich (G); David and Ann Nitschke (N)

Dian and Pastor David Gogoll as they join in membership of St Peter's, Greenock.
School students, staff and families as their academic year ends, especially those who will be going through transitions next year.

Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace.

Next Sunday: 22nd December – Advent 4 (Violet) Year C

9.00am Gnadenfrei Marananga HC - with Pastor Eugene

St Peter's Greenock - Lay Reading with John Barkley & Peter Rawlings

10.30am Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene

Bible Readings: Psalm: Luke 1:46-55

Micah 5:2-5a The shepherd king to be born in Bethlehem

Hebrews 10:5-10 Christ came to do God's will

Luke 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 22nd December

Flowers – Nola Wendt **Cleaning** – Janet Nitschke and Lyn Schmidt

Welcoming/Attendance – Lyn Schmidt and Mark Kernich **Readings** – Lyn Schmidt

Announcements/Kids Chat – Paula Menzel **PowerPoint** – Adam Werner

Sound – Lisa Werner **Stewards** – Ashley Klose and Mark Kernich

Music – John, Ali, and Megan

Take Note:

➤ Gnadenfrei Church Council Meeting

Monday 16th December at 7.30pm in the St Michael's church hall

➤ Christmas Eve – Programme Practice times

Sunday 15th December 10am (after service today)

Saturday 21st December 10am (Full dress rehearsal)

Sunday 22nd December 10am (after service)

➤ Parish Prayer Group

Tuesday 17th December (last get together for 2024) at Helen Wendt's. All are welcome. The Prayer group will go into recess until school resumes in 2025, date to be advised.

➤ Christmas Service Times (also advertised in 'The Leader' Newspaper 11/12):

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Family Service, St Peter's Greenock - Pastor Eugene

Theme: "Joy in the Mess"

6.30pm Family Service, Gnadenfrei Marananga – LR with Grant & Cathy Wills

7pm Readings and Carols Service, Nain – LR with Michael Obst

Christmas Day

9am Parish Holy Communion Service, St Peter's Greenock - Pastor Eugene
(no services at Gnadenfrei or Nain)

➤ Lutheran Care, Barossa 2024 Christmas Needs –

Christmas Lollies, Chocolates, Mixed Nuts; Christmas Pudding, Cake, Mince Pies; Chips, Crackers; Sweet Biscuits; Vegemite, Jam, Peanut Butter; Long Life Milk, Long Life Custard; Long Life Fruit Juice, Soft Drink, Cordial; Tea, Coffee, Milo; Tinned Tuna, Ham, Salmon; Pasta, Rice, Noodles; Pasta Sauce, Stir Fry Sauce; Tinned Vegetables, Fruit, Soup; Cereal, Muesli; Christmas Crackers, Cards, Wrap; Toiletries, Cleaning Products; Quality New or Unused Children's Gifts.

➤ Greenock Parish Governance Conversation

Over the last few months, the members of our 3 congregation and parish church councils have started looking at different models of governance for our parish. Some key people are stepping down from their positions on our councils next year and we have fewer people who are able to step into those roles. Some churches in SA have moved from each congregation having a separate church council to one church council looking after 3 to 5 congregations. We are wondering if a similar model might serve us well in our parish. It would reduce the number of people needed for governance, decrease the number of meetings and free people up to focus more on ministry. A combined group of congregation and parish council members met with Pastor Stephen Schultz (SA-

NT Assistant Bishop for Mission) in October and we are now gathering questions about what different governance models might look like for us. No firm decision about moving in this direction has been made. At this stage we are looking at different governance models to see if there is a better way for our parish to operate. If you would like to discuss an alternative, streamlined governance model for our parish or if you have any questions you would like to explore, please contact Pastor Eugene, or a member of your congregation's or parish church councils.

➤ **Latest LCA e-News** Press Ctrl & click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/241210>



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Greenock Lutheran Parish Child Safe / Safe Church

Our Parish leadership and members continually work toward establishing a safe place for everyone in our church community, where we strive to treat each other with respect and dignity. Child safety is embedded in the culture, leadership, and governance of our Parish. Our Parish prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and all people. We have no tolerance for abuse in any form.