

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 1st February 2026

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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*Children of
the King
have no
reason to
live like
paupers.*

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.

This Sunday's Services:

9.00am St Peter's Greenock - with Pastor Eugene (incl. Harvest Thanksgiving)

9.00am Nain LR - with Alex Zimmermann

10.30am Gnadenfrei Marananga - with Pastor Eugene (incl. Harvest Thanksgiving)

Opening: (Nain)

We preach Christ crucified:

a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks,

Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:23,24 NIV)

Psalm: 15 (NLT) (Nain)

Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord?

Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?

Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right,

speaking the truth from sincere hearts.

Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbours

or speak evil of their friends.

Those who despise flagrant sinners, and honour the faithful followers of the Lord,

and keep their promises even when it hurts.

Those who lend money without charging interest,

and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent.

Such people will stand firm 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: (Nain)

Let us pray for trust in God.

Thank you, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for showing us your power in the weakness of the cross. Teach us to rely on you alone and to live by the

power of the Holy Spirit. We ask this through your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings: (Nain)

Micah 6:1-8 The Lord's case against Israel.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 God chooses the weak.

Matthew 5:1-12 The beatitudes – life in God's kingdom.

Readings: Harvest Thanksgiving - Gnadenfrei & St Peter's

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Sowing generously.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 An appeal to avoid factions.

Luke 17:11-19 The thankful leper.

Message Theme & Text: '(Greenock & Gnadenfrei): **Cheerful Giving** (2 Cor 9:6-15)

Offering Prayer: (Nain)

Wise and merciful God, thank you for choosing us to be your people. Teach us to yearn for what is right and to do what you want us to do. Use us and our possessions for your wise and good purposes. Amen

Parish Prayer Points:

Alex and Bernadette Zimmermann; (LR) – Nain

Ian & Ginny Jones (M); Rachel & Mark Homer & family (G); Ismay Grosser (N).

Evelyn Kalleske, & her parents Sophie & Dylan, as she is welcomed into God's family through baptism at Greenock this Sunday.

Students, staff & families who returned to school this week.

Our Parish AGM next Sunday.

Sunday's Services: 8th February – The 5th Sunday after Epiphany (Green)

9.00am Gnadenfrei Marananga HC - with Pastor Eugene

9.00am St Peter's Greenock LR - with John Barkley & Rosalie Olafsen

10.30am Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene (incl Harvest Thanksgiving)

Bible Readings: Psalm 112:1-9

Isaiah 58:1-9a The Lord desires kindness and justice.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Christ crucified – God's power and wisdom.

Matthew 5:13-20 You are salt of the earth and light of the world

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 8th February

Flowers – Lyn Schmidt **Cleaning** – Elaine Obst and Tracey Billing

Welcoming/Attendance – Megan and Ashley Klose **Readings** – Megan/Ella Klose

Announcements/Kids Chat – Michelle Mickan **PowerPoint** – Riley McDonald

Sound – Isaac Barkley **Stewards** – Richard Schulz & Hannah Barkley.

Music – John & Ali Barkley & Sally Kalleske

Take Note:

➤ Thanks

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped with Peter Rawlings' funeral on

Tuesday. It was a great way to honour Peter who has been such a significant part of our church family for so many years.

➤ **Parish Family & Youth Ministry Review & Planning**

Sunday 1st February from 5pm to 7pm in the St Peter's hall. Please bring something for a shared meal, your thoughts on how Sunday Night Connect and Youth Group has been going, and ideas for our ministries in the coming year!

➤ **Harvest Thanksgiving – Gnadenfrei, Marananga**

Sunday 1st February (10.30am), We will again support the Lutheran Care pantry in Tanunda. Many thanks to all contributors.

➤ **Harvest Thanksgiving – St Peter's**

Sunday, 1st February (9.00am), supporting Lutheran Care, Barossa. Many thanks to all contributors.

➤ **Parish Prayer Group**

Will resume at 10am on **Tuesday 3rd February** at Helen W's home and on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the coming months. All welcome.

➤ **Greenock Parish Annual General Meeting**

St Peter's will be hosting the Parish AGM next **Sunday 8th February**, at 7pm. Agenda and Book of Reports available at each church from 1/2/26. All welcome.

➤ **Greenock Parish Men's Shed**

Our first 'Men's Shed' event of the Parish will commence at 7:30pm, on **Friday 13th February** at the home of Richard Schulz, 19 Koncke Street, Greenock. BYO Chairs and drinks. *NOTE: This is our first catch-up to discuss what we would like our Men's Shed to be, so for this first meeting food will not be required.*

➤ **St Peter's Annual General Meeting**

This will follow the 10:30am HC Service on **Sunday 15th Feb**. Agenda and Reports will be emailed, with hard-copies available on 8th February 9am LR Service.

➤ **Gnadenfrei Church AGM**

Sunday 22nd February following our 10.30am church service.

➤ **Nain Church AGM Meeting** (change of day, date & time held)

AGM **Sunday 1st March** following 10.30am church service.

➤ **Thank you for your RAW Impact Support**

Being a part of RAW Impact's "Converge Trip of 2026" was both inspiring and fulfilling. Over the course of 10 days, I teamed up with 60+ people from all over Australia, aged 18-29, to help assist vulnerable families that have been forced to relocate, and thus have no safe place to call home. Working tirelessly, we as a team were able to build four [4] houses within four [4] days at RAW Impact's 'Every Piece Matters Bamboo Village'. This was a heartwarming and key moment of the trip as four [4] families who never had a house to call their own, were finally gifted a life changing opportunity. The smiles on their faces will be something that I'll never forget, which is why I am so thankful that I have been able to work alongside RAW over the last three years.

RAW impact continues to inspire me through each trip due to their hard work, determination, and primary belief of “finding yourself in the service of others.” I am so thankful for the ongoing support (prayer, encouragement and finances) that persons in our parish have showered me with, as these trips continue to change me in every way possible. I thank God every day that I have been blessed to partake in these opportunities! So, thank you once more! – *Hannah Barkley*

➤ **Latest LCA e-News** Press Ctrl & click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/251216>

Notes On The Readings (Epiphany 4th Sunday)

Micah: 6:1-8 The Lord takes issue with the people of Israel, who have evidently grown tired of their loyalty towards him. He calls on the hills and mountains as witness, for they have witnessed all the saving acts which he has so generously showered on them through the history of the exodus. The prophet then parodies an imagined repentant response from the fearful people. Their deluded conceptions of sacrifice even include the proposal of the abomination of infant sacrifice. In verse 8 the prophet indicates that true repentance and faith will rather yield justice, kindness and humility to the Lord.

1 Corinthians: 1:18-31 Paul here contrasts the wisdom of false prophets among the Corinthians with the true wisdom of God. They wished to subvert the gospel of Christ with their own self-styled wisdom. God chose the foolishness of the crucifixion to affect his wisdom in terms of free salvation for those who would put aside their human pride and humbly believe. There is no room for boasting among Christians with respect to their life with God, except to boast in the Lord, namely in what he alone has done. The message of the cross is the power of God himself to save those who believe.

Matthew: 5:1-12 This section of Matthew's gospel is often called the 'Beatitudes'. The word 'beatitude' comes from the Latin word 'beatus' which means 'blessed', sometimes translated as 'happy'. These sayings of Jesus are drawn from teachings of the Old Testament, but have an unmistakable stamp of Jesus' authority in their application. While they fly in the face of common earthly wisdom, they contain the wisdom of God which works out in practical blessing. They are not laws or commandments for living with a stated reward attached. They are more an expression of what Christ in his grace has made his children to be, with the promise of eternal reward in heaven, again according to the Lord's grace.

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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.