

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 15th March 2026

4th Sunday in Lent

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

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
- 9.00am Nain LR - with Alex Zimmermann
- 10.30am Gnadenfrei Marananga - with Pastor Eugene

Opening:

Once we were full of darkness, but now we have light from the Lord.

So live as people of light! (*Ephesians 5:8 NLT*)

Psalm 23 (NIV)

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 faith in Jesus our Saviour.

Loving Father, when we were captive in the darkness of sin and death, your Son rescued us and brought us back to you. Teach us to trust in him and to live as

your people by doing what is good and right and true. We ask this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Samuel anoints David as king of Israel.

Ephesians 5:8-14 Live as children of the light.

John 9:1-41 Jesus opens the eyes of a man born blind.

Message Theme & Text: 'People of Light' (Ephesians 5:8-14)

(you can read or listen to each week's message at www.pastoreugene.online)

Offering Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for shining the light of your grace upon us. Help us to live as people of the light, and to show your light and love to others. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

Alex & Bernadette Zimmermann (LR) – Nain

John & Yvonne Pfeiffer (M); Wilfreide Kalleske (G); David & Angela Materne (N)

The members of the Gnadenfrei & Parish Church Councils which meet this week.

Guidance & blessing for everyone voting in our state election on Saturday.

LCANZ Bishop Paul Smith has offered a guide to help us pray for the conflict in the Middle East. You can access his guide by following this link -

www.lca.org.au/conflict-in-the-middle-east-a-message-from-bishop-paul-smith/

Sunday's Services: 22nd March – 5th Sunday in Lent (Purple)

9.00am Gnadenfrei Marananga HC - with Pastor Eugene

9.00am St Peter's Greenock LR - with Ali Barkley & Kylie Rosenzweig

10.30am Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene

Bible Readings: Psalm 130

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Vision of the valley of dry bones.

Romans 8:6-11 The spirit of God lives in you.

John 1:1-45 The raising of Lazarus – Jesus' last sign.

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 22nd March

Flowers – Lorraine Kalleske **Cleaning** – Michelle and Phoebe Mickan

Welcoming/Attendance – Carol K. and Elaine O. **Readings** – Carol Kalleske

Announcements/Kids Chat – Paula Menzel **PowerPoint** – Hannah Barkley

Sound – Isaac Barkley **Stewards** – Ashley Klose and Mark Kernich

Music – John and Ali Barkley

Take Note:

➤ **Gnadenfrei Church Council Meeting**

Monday 16th March at 7pm in the church hall.

- **Parish Church Council Meeting**
Tuesday 17th March at 7pm in the St Peter's Chat Room.
- **Parish Bible Studies**
Wednesday 18th March at 10.30am (10am for a cuppa) at Gnadenfrei and 7.30pm at St Peter's. This week we will be listening for God's grace in John 11:1-45, the raising of Lazarus. All welcome!
- **Church Cricket Match**
Sunday 22nd March Our re-scheduled family cricket match will be at the Nuri #2 oval. Set-up from 11am, sausage sizzle lunch from 12 noon, BYO chairs, drinks & snacks. Please RSVP for catering to Megan Klose (0408 816 350) & contact Ashley Klose or Pastor Eugene if you would like to play or help in some way.
- **Safe Church Level 1 Webinar – TODAY (15/3/26)**
The live Online Webinar is being hosted in the St Peter's Chat Room by John Barkley from 11:50am today.
This training is a LCA NZ requirement for any volunteer persons in our Parish in leadership positions, members in positions of trust, and anyone working with children, and it must be renewed every three [3] years.
The Level 1 Webinar covers both Level 1 modules: - Induction (90 minutes) with a 30-minute break in between followed by *Safeguarding* (90 minutes).
For those persons attending, please bring a pen, some lunch/nibbles, water, and arrive no later than 11:50am please, as there is a Registration Form to fill out
- **Parish Prayer Group**
Tuesday 17th March 10.00am at Helen Wendt's home on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the months All welcome.
- **St Peter's Worship Roster (April-July)**
Can service volunteers please notify John Barkley (0414 728 574) of dates unavailable for the next Worship Roster by Sunday 22nd March.
- **HELP NEEDED: Greenock Parish Support for Lutheran Care, Barossa**
Are you able to donate any of these "much-needed items" during March: *Shampoo & Conditioner, 2 in 1 Shampoo, Cans of Tuna and Small jars/cans/sachets of Coffee*. Please donate through your congregational channels and thank you.
- **Latest LCA e-News** Press Ctrl & click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/260303>

Easter Services Times

Maundy Thursday - 7pm Service with HC at Nain

Good Friday - 9am at Greenock & 10.30am at Gnadenfrei

Easter Sunday - 6.30am at Gnadenfrei & 9am at Greenock
(both services with HC)



Notes On The Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13 King Saul, the first king of Israel anointed by the prophet Samuel, had rejected God's will for his administration and was thus rejected by God as king. God had rested his spirit on Saul at his anointing but was now sending Samuel to Bethlehem to anoint a new future king. Samuel's preferred choice among the sons of Jesse was declined by the Lord. God's choice rested on the inmost heart rather than the outward appearance. The boy David was not even old enough to have been invited to the occasion. Brought in from the field, this shepherd boy was anointed by Samuel to be God's future ruler over Israel.

Ephesians 5:8-14 The Ephesian Christians were converts who had previously lived in paganism. Paul reminds them that because Christ is the light of the world, those who live in Christ also live in his light. The darkness of paganism has its own deeds and lifestyle. Christ's light has its fruits in those who live in it. Not only are Christians to live in the light, but they are also to use it to expose darkness and bring it into the light.

John 9:1-41 Jesus' miracle of giving sight to the man born blind symbolically demonstrated the truth of his light. This was met with anger by the religious leaders of the Jews. They were blinded by obsession with a humanised and legalised style of God's law. They thus closed their eyes to Jesus' messiahship and the truth of his teaching. The man's parents and neighbours didn't want to know anything in the face of the Pharisees' aggressive witch-hunting tactics. Left on his own, the man persistently answered the plain simple truth but was eventually cast out of the synagogue (excommunicated) for his honesty and testimony concerning Jesus. Hearing of this, Jesus sought him out, affirmed the man in his action, and then confirmed his messiahship to him. Those who are determined to remain in their rejection harden themselves in their blindness and thereby remain in their sin.

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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.