

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 22nd March 2026

5th Sunday in Lent

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*When all
you have is
God, you
have all you
need.*

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 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

Opening:

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life.

Anyone who believes in me will live, even if they die.

And whoever lives by believing in me
will never die." (John 11:25,26 NLT)

Psalm 130 (NIV)

From the depths of despair, O Lord,

I call for your help.

Hear my cry, O Lord.

Pay attention to my prayer.

Lord, if you kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive?

But you offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear you.

I am counting on the Lord; yes, I am counting on him.

I have put my hope in his word.

I long for the Lord more than sentries long for the dawn,

yes, more than sentries long for the dawn.

O Israel, hope in the Lord;

for with the Lord there is unfailing love.

His redemption overflows.

He himself will redeem Israel from every kind of sin.

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 remain united with Christ.

Jesus our Saviour, thank you for coming to give us life through your suffering and death. Keep us following you wherever you lead us, as we trust your promise to raise us to new life. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

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.

Message Theme & Text: 'Life-Giving Grace' (*John 11:1-45*)

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

Offering Prayer:

Eternal God, thank you for giving us new life. Help us to live according to your Spirit by joyfully serving you and our fellow human beings with all that we are and all that we have. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

Barkley and Rosenzweig families (LR) – Greenock

Martin & Sally Pfeiffer (M); Kym & Amie Kalleske & family(G); Chelsea Materne (N)

Blessings on those elected to the SA parliament in this Saturday's election.

Endurance and hope for all involved in this year's vintage.

The Redeemer Lutheran School Council and chair Ashley Klose as they meet on Tuesday evening.

Sunday's Services: 29th March – Palm Sunday (Purple)

9.00am PARISH SERVICE - St Peter's Greenock HC – with Pastor Eugene

Offering to Lutheran Care, Barossa and SMG Pastoral Care workers in the Barossa Public Schools.

Bible Readings: Psalm 118:1,2,19-29

Isaiah 50: 4-9a The obedience of the Lord's servant.

Philippians 2:5-11 Christ – obedient servant and exalted Lord.

Matthew 21:1-11 Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 29th March

Flowers – Erica Kernich **Cleaning** – Nikki Minge and Paula Menzel

Welcoming/Attendance –J&T Mosey and L&J Kalleske. **Readings** – A&B Klose

Announcements/Kids Chat – John Barkley **PowerPoint** – Adam Werner

Sound – Lisa Werner **Stewards** – Mark and Noelene Kalleske

Music – TBA **H.C.** – John Schild

Take Note:

➤ Church Cricket Match

The weather forecast is looking great for our church cricket match this **Sunday, 22nd March**, at the Nuri #2 oval. Set up from 11am, game starts at 12 midday with a sausage sizzle lunch. Please contact Megan Klose ASAP for catering and Ashley Klose or Pastor Eugene for more details.

➤ 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**.

➤ Parish Ladies Fellowship

Tuesday 24th March at 1pm in the St Peter's Chat Room.

➤ Parish Bible Studies

Our final Bible studies for Lent will be this **Wednesday, 25th March**, from 10.30am at Gnadenfrei (10am for a cuppa) and 7.30pm in the St Peter's Chat Room. This week we will be listening for God's grace in Philippians 2:5-11.

➤ Youth Movie Night

Friday 27th March from 7pm at the McDonald's home. Please see Amy or Pastor Eugene for more details. Yearly Program is now available!

➤ Parish Prayer Group

Tuesday 7th April 10.00am at Helen Wendt's home on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the months All welcome.

➤ HELP NEEDED: Greenock Parish Support for Lutheran Care, Barossa

Are you able to donate any of these "much-needed items" during April: *Shampoo & Conditioner, 2 in 1 Shampoo, Cans of Mixed Vegetables or Corn.* Please donate through your congregational channels and thank you.

➤ Barossa Christian Life Week Catering Help

Barossa CLW is looking for people to help with catering for a day or more from **6th to 10th July** at Cornerstone College, Mt Barker. Please contact Pastor Eugene if you're interested or would like more details.

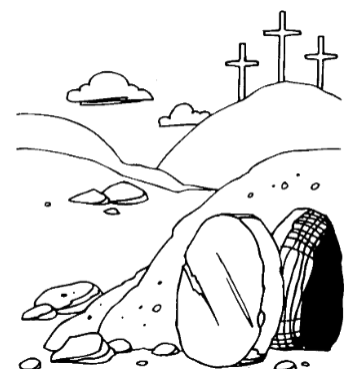
➤ Latest LCA e-News Press Ctrl & click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/260317>

Easter Services Times

Maundy Thursday - 7pm Service with HC at Nain

Good Friday - 9am at Greenock &
10.30am at Gnadenfrei (outside service)

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



Notes On The Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Ezekiel was a prophet to the people of Israel in exile in Babylon. They were as devoid of political hope and possibility for national restoration as the field of dead bones of the slain shown him by the Lord. God directed Ezekiel to breathe life into the people in exile with the promises of his word. The comparison is reminiscent of God breathing into the nostrils of the first man to make him a living creature. The change to a picture of future opened graves gives promise that in the future the nation will be returned to its 'own soil', namely in Jerusalem and Israel. They will know thereby that the Lord has spoken.

Romans 8:6-11 Christ has met the complete requirement of God's law which God had rightly demanded of all people. Believers in Christ have in this way been set free from the law of sin and death. Therefore no believing Christian can set his or her mind on the things of the 'flesh', ie sinful pleasures and evil which belong to the old sinful nature. Those things militate destructively against the Spirit's indwelling. Even though a Christian is still afflicted bodily by sin, yet the life of the Spirit imparts life, just as the Spirit raised Jesus from the dead.

Gospel: John 11:1-45 The high point in this miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead is the revelation of Jesus as Son of God and the Messiah. The proof of this brought to a head the fanatical opposition of the religious leaders which resulted not long afterwards in his arrest, trial and execution in Jerusalem. While his full humanity is prominently evident in his emotional response to the grief of Mary, Martha and their friends, his divinity is manifested above all other considerations. He is seen to have foreknowledge of Lazarus's death and what he would do to glorify God. Jesus teaches clearly that there is everlasting life through believing in him. He proves this by raising a body already into the stage of decomposition.

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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.