

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 8th March 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent

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*We can face
any fear
when we
know the
Lord is
near.*

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 Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene

9.00am Gnadenfrei Marananga LR - with Cathy and Grant Wills

10.30am St Peter's Greenock HC - with Pastor Eugene

Opening:

Since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies,

we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. (*Romans 5:10 NLT*)

Psalm: 95:1-7 (NLT)

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come to him with thanksgiving.

Let us sing psalms of praise to him.

For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods.

He holds in his hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains.

The sea belongs to him, for he made it.

His hands formed the dry land, too.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord our maker,

for he is our God.

We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care.

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 live in repentance and faith.

Holy and merciful God, thank you for giving your Son Jesus to die on the cross for us. Turn us away from our sins and back to a life of trust in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings:

Exodus 17: 1-7 The Israelites put God to the test.

Romans 5:1-11 While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 4:5-42 Jesus and the Samaritan woman.

Message Theme & Text: **“Everything I Ever Did!”** (*John 4:5-42*)

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

Offering Prayer:

Lord, you have given so much to us. Help us to show in our deeds the faith you have planted within us. Make us ready to serve you and other people with all that we are and all that we have. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

Grant & Cathy Wills (LR) – Marananga

Mark & Julie Quest (M); Troy & Sally Kalleske & family (G); Terry & Allison Linke (N)

Thanks for last weekend's rain; prayers for those around Australia who are struggling with adverse weather conditions.

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: 15th March –4th Sunday in Lent (Purple)

9.00am St Peter’s Greenock - with Pastor Eugene

9.00am Nain LR - with Alex Zimmermann

10.30am Gnadenfrei Marananga - with Pastor Eugene

Bible Readings: Psalm 23

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.

St Peter’s Greenock Rosters 15th March

Flowers – Carol Kalleske **Cleaning** – Kylie Rosenzweig and Noelene Kalleske

Welcoming/Attendance –Erica and Mark Kernich **Readings** – John Schild

Announcements/Kids Chat – Phoebe Mickan **PowerPoint** – Carol Kalleske

Sound – Jack Mickan **Stewards** – Richard Schulz and Troy Kalleske

Music – Minge Family

Take Note:

➤ St Peter's Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday 10th March at 7pm in the Chat Room.

➤ Parish Bible Studies

Wednesday 11th March at 10.30am (10am for a cuppa) at Gnadenfrei & 7.30pm at St Peter's. This week we will be looking for God's grace in Ephesians 5:8-14. All welcome! Please contact Pastor Eugene for more information.

➤ Parish Men's Shed

Friday 13th March starting 7pm at Mark Kernich's home - 18 James Smith Court, Greenock. BYO Chair, drinks and nibbles to share.

➤ Youth Group

Friday 13th March from 7pm to 9pm in the St Peter's Hall for young people in high school and older. Friends are also welcome. Please BYO snacks and Bible. A program for the year will be available soon.

➤ Safe Church Level 1 Webinar Training

Sunday 15th March from 12pm to 4pm in the St Peter's Chat Room for persons wanting to complete Module 1 (Induction) and Module 2 (Safeguarding). Please register through John Barkley (0414728574) by COB Wednesday 12th March.

➤ Parish Prayer Group

Tuesday 17th March 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 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>

Notes On The Readings

Exodus 17:1-7 God had shown his marvellous saving hand to the Israelites in their rescue at the Red Sea. He had also miraculously provided food daily with bread (manna) and quail. However, the pattern of grumbling, of unjust criticism of Moses and of God, together with the threat of rebellion, emerged again on this occasion when they reached a location without water. They did not stop even to think whether God was testing them. They rather put God to the test. God's patience was abundantly demonstrated by his order to Moses to strike the rock from which poured out water.

Romans 5:1-11 In this reading Paul continues on from the teachings of the previous chapters on 'justification'. He enlarges now upon its results in the new life of the believer. There is now the experience of peace with God and access to him by his freely given favour (grace). Even suffering produces a positive outcome in terms of endurance, character and hope. All of this new relationship is based not on feeling but on fact. The fact that Christ died not for good people but for sinners establishes assurance of salvation and ensures God's forgiven people the removal of his wrath. A Christian's boasting is indeed only in God.

John 4:5-42 Not only does Jesus travel through a country avoided by Jews because of its mixed religion, but also engages a Samaritan in conversation. And a woman, at that! Though he is fully aware of her sinful lifestyle, he is not deterred from seeking her spiritual wellbeing. He speaks to her of God-pleasing worship ('in spirit and in truth') and receives a repentant and joyful response. He finds an open heart to reveal himself as the Messiah. Not only that, but through this woman a whole village receives two days of productive ministry from the Lord whose mission is to the whole world.

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10



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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.