

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 18th February 2024

Lent 1

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God pours
his love into
our hearts to
flow out to
others.

Welcome! We pray that you are blessed through the hearing of God's Word and His assurance of sins forgiven. May our lives respond in praise and thanksgiving.

This Sunday's Services:

- 9.00am Gnadenfrei Marananga HC - with Pastor Eugene
St Peter's Greenock - Lay Reading with John and Ali Barkley
10.30am Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene

Opening:

Jesus announced: "The time has come! God's kingdom will soon be here.

Turn back to God and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15 CEV)

Psalm: 25:1,2a,4-7 (NLT)

O Lord, I give my life to you.

I trust in you, my God!

Show me the right path, O Lord;
point out the road for me to follow.

Lead me by your truth and teach me,
for you are the God who saves me.

All day long I put my hope in you.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion
and unfailing love,

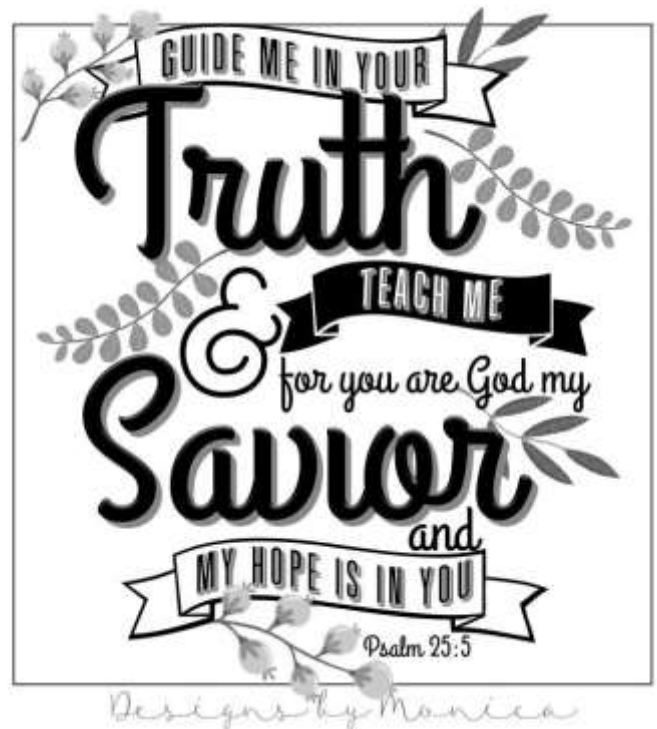
**which you have shown from long
ages past.**

Do not remember the rebellious sins
of my youth.

**Remember me in the light of your
unfailing love, for you are merciful, O Lord.**

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 faithfulness and self-discipline.

Almighty and merciful God, your Son Jesus fasted forty days in the desert, and was tempted as we are, but didn't sin. Help us to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit, so that, as you know our weakness, we may also know your power to save, through Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Bible Readings: Psalm 25:1-10

Genesis 9:8-17 God's covenant with Noah.

1 Peter 3:18-22 The flood a symbol of baptism.

Mark 1:9-15 The baptism, temptation and preaching of Jesus.

Message Theme & Text: 'Testing Ground' (*Mark 1:9-15*)

Offering Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for washing away our sins, and for promising to be our Father and King forever. As our real life is with Christ, help us to live as members of your kingdom, trusting and serving you and giving ourselves in love to others. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

John and Ali Barkley and family – LR: Greenock;

Pastor Eugene and Nikki Minge and family

Dulcie Waechter (M); Rose Smith (G); Luke and Jane Menzel and family (N)

Those who are experiencing health challenges, seeking strength and peace,
or mourning the death of a loved one.

Next Sunday: 25th February (Violet) – 2nd Sunday in Lent

9.00am Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene

Gnadenfrei Marananga - Lay Reading with Cath and Grant Wills

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

****Please refer to this Bulletin to confirm Sunday service times.****

Bible Readings: Psalm 22:23-31

Genesis 17:1-7,15,16 God's promise to Abraham and Sarah.

Romans 4:13-25 Abraham received God's promise through faith.

Mark 8:31-38 The cost of discipleship.

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 25th February

Flowers - Heather Obst **Cleaning** – Lyn Waldhuter and Kylie Lindner

Readings – Lorraine Kalleske **Welcoming/Attendance** – Judy and Trevor Mosey

Welcoming/Kids Chat – Ali Barkley **H/C** – Peter Rawlings

Music – John, Ali, Kylie L and Sally **PowerPoint** – Trevor Waldhuter

Sound – Isaac Barkley **Stewards** – Mark and Noelene Kalleske

Take Note:

➤ Family Shared Meal & Bible Study

Our shared meal and Bible study (today) **Sunday** from 5pm to 7pm in the St Peter's hall to connect with each other and God's Word. Please bring a plate of food (savoury and/or sweet) to share, something to drink and your Bible. All ages welcome! Please contact Pastor Eugene if you would like more information.

➤ Lent Bible Studies

Over the next five weeks we will explore the Good Friday story, looking at each section in detail. These Bible studies will begin this **Wednesday 21st February** at 10.30am in the Gnadenfrei Hall (you're welcome from 10am for a cuppa) and also at 7.30pm in the St Peter's Chat Room. This week we will look at *Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane* (Mark 14:32-52). We will also offer a Zoom link if you can't make it in person – please contact Pastor Eugene for the link or if you'd like more information.

➤ 2024 Greenock Lutheran Parish Annual General Meeting

This will be held on **Sunday, 25th February**, commencing 7:00pm, in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Greenock.

➤ The Parish Book of Agenda/Reports for the AGM–Will be available this weekend.

➤ Nain AGM – **Friday 1st March** 7.30pm in the Nain Church.

➤ Gnadenfrei AGM – **Sunday 17th March** after worship.

➤ St. Peter's AGM – **Sunday 17th March**, following 10:30 HC Service so Pastor Eugene can attend.

➤ Greenock Lutheran Parish Ladies Fellowship AGM

to be held in St Peter's Chat Room on **Tuesday 27th February** at 1pm. Membership subscriptions for 2024 remain at \$15. LWSA-NT membership (\$10) + Barossa zone levy (\$1) + \$4 for local funds. Current members please pay this prior to the AGM to Margaret Koch or Marj Wendt (put in her pigeon hole). New members wishing to join are invited to attend the AGM and pay the \$15 as soon as possible.

➤ Latest LCA e-News

Press Ctrl & click on this link <http://lcaenews.online/240206>



Notes On The Readings

Genesis 9:8-17: It is not difficult to imagine that after the trauma of the flood, Noah and his family would have felt a great deal of fear and trembling lest the same thing should happen again. God's reassuring covenant is accordingly given in repetitive striking terms, including the earth, all creatures down to the smallest, and to human beings. God binds himself in his sovereign freedom to this covenant, thus promoting a trusting assurance. The beauty of the rainbow is in keeping with his care.

1 Peter 3:18-22: St Peter clearly outlines the great central doctrine of Christianity: Jesus, the holy and righteous one, suffered under the anger of the Father. While the judgment of wrath was executed fully on Christ, yet for us the freedom of righteousness was bestowed through his death once and for all. Peter parallels this to the flood. The water which effected judgment on the world was the means of saving faithful Noah and his family. Baptism now is similar. Its water drowns the sin of the Christian and bestows the cleansing forgiveness and new life sealed by the resurrection.

Mark 1: 9-15: The baptism of Jesus (who needed neither confession nor forgiveness) marks the beginning of his ministry as the Messiah. The voice of the Father and the visible imbuing of the Spirit attest his divine mission and authorise him as the Son of God the Father. Satan recognises the implications against his power and immediately sets out to wreck the divine plan, unsuccessfully. Note the prime aspect of Christ's ministry and the essence of the Kingdom's objective, namely, repentance and faith in the good news of God's gracious forgiveness.



Please send Bulletin info to Nola and Parish Email by Wednesday 5pm.

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Greenock Lutheran Parish

Our Culture, Leadership and Governance are Childsafe.

Child safety is embedded in the culture, leadership and governance of our Parish. Our Parish prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children and demonstrates this through all levels of its leadership. Our Parish has no tolerance for child abuse in any form.