

Greenock Lutheran Parish Bulletin



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

Sunday 25th February 2024

Lent 2

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We can
never get
beyond the
circle of
God's care.

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 Nain HC - with Pastor Eugene
Gnadenfrei Marananga - Lay Reading with Cath and Grant Wills
10.30am St Peter's Greenock HC - with Pastor Eugene

Opening:

The words, "he was accepted", were written not only for Abraham.

They were also written for us.

God will also accept us because we believe.

We believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from death.

Jesus was handed over to die for our sins,

and he was raised from death to make us right with God. (Romans 4:23-25 ERV)

Psalm: 22:23-26 (NLT)

Praise the Lord, all you who fear him!

Honour him, all you descendants of Jacob!

Show him reverence, all you descendants of Israel!

For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy.

He has not turned his back on them,

but has listened to their cries for help.

I will praise you in the great assembly.

I will fulfill my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

The poor will eat and be satisfied.

All who seek the Lord will praise him.

Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forevermore. Amen.

**Praise
The Lord**

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray that we deny ourselves and trust in Christ.

Merciful God, we thank you for sending your Son to suffer and give his life for all people. Teach us, who have been born again, to forget ourselves and rely only on Christ our Saviour. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Message Theme & Text: 'Promises, Faith & Hope' (*Romans 4:13-25*)

Offering Prayer:

Lord God, help us always rely on your promises to us. Strengthen us for service as your followers. Lead us to forget ourselves for your sake, and give of ourselves for others. Amen.

Parish Prayer Points:

Cath and Grant Wills – LR: Marananga

Irene Wohlers (M); David and Heather Slade (G); David and Ann Nitschke (N)

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

Next Sunday: 3rd March (Violet) – 3rd Sunday in Lent

9.00am Greenock - with Pastor Eugene

Nain - Lay Reading with Michael Obst

10.30am Gnadenfrei Marananga - with Pastor Eugene

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

Bible Readings: Psalm 19

Exodus 20:1-17 The Ten Commandments

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Christ crucified - God's power and wisdom

John 2:13-22 Jesus cleanses the temple and gives a sign

St Peter's Greenock Rosters 3rd March

Flowers - Rosalie Olafsen **Cleaning** – Lorraine and Carol Kalleske (T)

Readings – Wilfriede Kalleske **Welcoming/Attendance** – Carol and Tony Kalleske

Welcoming/Kids Chat – Michelle Mickan **Music** – Heather Obst

PowerPoint – Kalleske family **Sound** – Jack Mickan

Stewards – Kym Kalleske and Henry Barkley

Take Note:

➤ Lent Bible Studies

As we continue to read through the Good Friday story together, this **Wednesday 28th Feb** we will explore Jesus' trial before the Jewish leaders (Mark 14:53-65). All are welcome to join us at 10.30am (from 10am for a cuppa) at Gnadenfrei, or 7.30pm in the St Peter's Chat Room. Please contact Pastor Eugene if you would like a Zoom link so you can participate in Wednesday evening's study from home, or if you would like more information.

➤ Ordination: Way Forward Proposals

In October this year, the General Pastors' Conference and Convention of Synod of the LCA NZ will be voting on a proposal to function as one church with two practices of ordination. If adopted, this proposal will give congregations and parishes in the LCA NZ the ability to decide if they would like to be served by male pastors only, or by male and female pastors. To prepare for this vote, Pastor Eugene invites you to discuss the current proposals being looked at and what they might mean for us going into the future. These discussions will be held at **10am and 7.30pm on Monday 4th March** in the St Peter's Chat room. Please see Pastor Eugene if you would like more information or go to www.lca.org.au/wayforward. If neither of these times are suitable for you but you would like to be part of the discussion, please contact Pastor Eugene.

➤ 2024 Greenock Lutheran Parish Annual General Meeting

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

➤ 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/240220>



Notes On The Readings

Genesis 17:1-7;15-16: The covenant made with Abram in Chapter 15 is here repeated. This time the stipulation 'walk before me and be blameless' is added. The promise is not only that 99-year-old Abram and similarly aged Sarai will have a son, which is miracle enough! But above and beyond this, nations (not just one nation) and kings will be descended from him and Sarai also. The name changes (Abraham and Sarah) emphasise a change in identity through God's covenant. We are among those promised to them as their descendants, but in a far more blessed covenant.

Romans 4:13-24: Our faith in what God brought about for us through the death of Christ for our sins, and his resurrection to prove it, is what puts us right with God. Keeping the law does not. There is no forgiveness through the law because of our sin and imperfection. Therefore the law can only bring wrath. Abraham believed God's promises to him, which included the Saviour King and his kingdom which would never end. Thus God counted Abraham's faith to him as righteousness. His confidence and his hope rested not on himself but simply on trusting the impossible. Why? Because God had said it.

Mark 8:31-38: To the Jews of Jesus' day there was a popular saying, 'There will be no more misery when Messiah comes'. Peter had just confessed that Jesus was the Christ (that is, the Messiah!), and now Jesus tells the disciples that the Son of Man must go to Jerusalem to be rejected by the religious leaders, and to suffer and to die. Peter's well-meant discouragement of this idea is treated by Jesus as nothing less than Satan's work. Because the cross and all it means is central to receiving eternal life, we need to embrace it as God's plan for our life with him and be ready to put it before all else, even if it means suffering and even death.

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.