

OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL MUSSELBURGH



	THE EASTER SEASON	Mass Intentions
Sat 18 th April	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	Rosemary Darnell AV
Sunday	Mass Tranent Mass	David Thomson RIP Anne & John Dixon AV and Pro Populo
Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	Mass - Tranent	David Thomson RIP
Wednesday	Mass Funeral Service - Mary Davie RIP	Monica Montgomery RIP
Thursday	Funeral Service – Christopher Fitzsimons RIP Mass - Tranent	Mary Davie RIP
Friday	Mass	Christopher Fitzsimons RIP
Saturday	Mass St Mark The Evangelist	Frank Gray AV
Sun 26 th April	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass Tranent Mass	Margaret Enwood and Pro Populo Paul and Nancy Johnston AV

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Whenever I hear today's first reading, I always feel a failure. It all sounds so perfect. This is the Church as it is meant to be: faithful to prayer and worship, active in the world, making a difference to those around them, conscious to the needs of other and gladly responding to those needs. All of this flows from the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharist. Then I remind myself that there were also arguments and ambition; fall outs and factions; selfishness and self-promotion. It always has been and always will be because of the human element in the Church. We have always to remember that it's not our Church. It doesn't belong to us; it belongs to Jesus. He knows what he is doing.

The image of the Church that we contemplate in the first reading this Sunday is complemented and completed by the Gospel account of the disciples in a fearful huddle in the Upper Room. Christ stands in their midst and offers them the gift of His peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. These gifts transform and renew the disciples, making them apostles - people who are sent with a mission. Even Thomas' doubts can't stifle the presence and power of the Risen Lord. We are learning that the Church is a connection of love (with God and one another), not a building; a lifestyle, not just a weekly activity (the lifestyle flows from the weekly activity) and an act of service, not just a service to attend.

In the midst of the anxiety and fear, remember that He still stands among us and offers us His peace and the transforming power of the Spirit and that, while the buildings might be empty, the Church is still full of people and still responsive to His promptings.

With every Blessing.

Fr Basil, Fr Hugh and Deacon Gordon.

The Church Garden

My thanks to James and Darius for continuing to keep the Church garden's tidy and weed free. If you want a quiet, outdoor activity in social isolation then you know where to come!

Weddings Postponed

Please remember those who are having to put back their weddings by months or even into next year. In particular Louise and Mark - who were to be married this Saturday.

Priest's School. A documentary about the Scot's College in Rome to be aired this Sunday evening at 10.15pm on the BBC Scotland Channel. It features Bobby Taylor, one of our seminarians who is to be ordained deacon at some point this summer. Please pray for him and our other seminarians.

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Please remember to pray for the sick: For those with Covid 19, and June Fleming, Anne Marie Bevan, Colin Wills, The Graham Family, Jane Fairnie, Natalie Archibald, Edward Brown, Hugh Rodgers, John Toal, Laura Hepburn, Baby Archie Herkes, Hugh Scott, Albert A Binnie, Helen Archibald, Paulina Nosal, Alice Najafian, James Valley, Eddie O'Connor.

For the duration of this emergency an email will suffice if you wish someone added to this list.

Recently Deceased: Mary Davie and Christopher Fitzsimons. *May they rest in peace.*

Anniversaries: Rosemary Darnell, Ina Pryde, Alex Stewart, Jenny Combe, Margaret Enwood and Frank Gray,

Broadcasts other than Sunday Masses

Mass for the Sick at 10.00am

Saturday 3rd May Musselburgh
Tuesday 12th May Tranent

Rosary Devotions at 7.00pm

Wednesday 6th May Tranent
13th May Musselburgh
20th May Tranent
27th May Musselburgh

Solemnity of the Ascension

Thursday 21st May

Mass 9.15am Musselburgh
Mass 11.00am Tranent

Prayer Intentions at Mass - Each day we offer the sacrifice of the Mass for the particular intention requested. In Musselburgh, at Sunday mass, we also mention those whose anniversaries fall in any given week and publish those who are sick and wished prayed for. In Tranent prayer intentions were taken and placed near the Altar as part of our offering to God. During 'lockdown' I wish to continue and expand these practices. Prayer for one another is essential to our Christian solidarity: A Spiritual Work of Mercy.

However, it's one thing to pray privately another thing altogether to pray publicly for someone. When you are requesting prayer, you need to give (or seek and get) permission. This needs to be done sensitively and given that Mass is broadcast also with a degree of confidentiality. In other words, there is a difference between saying someone is sick and saying what they are sick from. But we need to get on with it and make it a far greater part of our community response. Request sheets will be available with each set of Sunday readings. Return by email or alternatively drop a note through the door of each parish house or send by post. Fr B



Thanks to those who have dropped off SCIAF Wee Boxes over the last few days. The porch of the house is open for this purpose.

Caritas Musselburgh



Thanks to those who continued to drop off bags of food at the porch of the clergy house this week. Also, to those who sent in money for the Food Bank.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

'My Jesus,
I Believe that You are in the
Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
Although You have already come,
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.'

Contributing to the Parish through Standing Order.

Again, this week more of you have changed over to supporting the parish using Standing Orders. Given that our income has gone down by 80% for that I am enormously grateful. Interested? Please email me or text me **07732694230** or phone me on 0131 665 2137 for bank details.

My thanks again to those who put collection envelopes through our door, hand in meals and groceries. I cannot thank you enough.

Keeping in Contact - Sustaining Community

Newsletter - If appropriate print a newsletter off and give it to any parishioner, you are still able to visit.

Website: www.musselburghcatholic.org

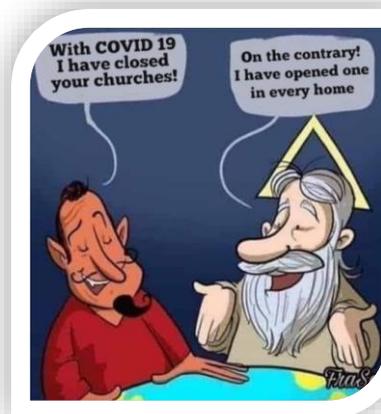
Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael Whatsapp Group – Enter through the Website

Facebook/ Musselburgh Catholic

youtube Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael

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Help me to expand my email contact list. If you speak to friends, ask them to get in touch by emailing basilijclark@msn.com



A Different Perspective – Remember wherever you are the Church is with you because you are church.