

# OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL MUSSELBURGH

	THE EASTER SEASON	Mass Intentions
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May	THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Robert Chapman AV
Sunday	Mass Tranent Mass	Robert Cowan RIP Norna Higgins AV
Monday	Mass Funeral Service Robert Cowan RIP Funeral Service Margaret Burke RIP	Margaret Burke RIP
Tuesday	Mass –	Eleanor and James Finnigan AV
Wednesday	Mass – Funeral Service Eddie O'Connor RIP Holy Rosary for Vocations Video at 7.00pm	Eddie O'Connor RIP
Thursday	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
	Mass – Tranent Mass - Musselburgh	Patrick Tobin RIP Tufail Masih RIP
Friday	Mass –	Bobby Cole RIP
Saturday Confessions	Tranent 12.00 – 1.00pm      Musselburgh 5.00 – 6.00pm THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	Mass	Alison Ferguson AV
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Mass Tranent Mass	Eddie O'Connor RIP Willie Vidler Sp Int

**Please remember to pray** The Residents and Staff of St Anne's Care Home, Eskgreen Care Home, Adamwood Nursing Home, Carberry House Care Home, Tranent Nursing Home, Crookston Care Home, Tynholm Care Home & Drummohr Nursing Home.

**For the sick:** For those with Covid 19, 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, Annie Maker, Jennifer Ross, Fr Tommy Greenan

**Recently Deceased:** Robert Cowan, Eddie O'Connor. Margaret Burke May they rest in peace.

**Anniversaries** Eleanor Finnigan, Robert Chapman, Ella Wood, Zelinda Tesoro, Betty Cullen, Grace Dudij, Peter McGowan, Catherine Muir, James Gray, Mary Quin, Margaret McPake, Margot Stewart.

Dear Friends,

How strange its going to be to have a year with no First Confessions, no First Holy Communions (these should have been this Sunday in Musselburgh or next Sunday in Tranent), no end of term Mass for the primary school and no leavers Mass for the 6<sup>th</sup> year at St David's. Everything upside down.

I was thinking back to 1978 and my leaving school and then getting ready for Glasgow University. I stopped being a pupil and became a student it really was a rite of passage to adulthood: leaving home, having my own money (student grant), all the excitement of Freshers' Week and the student bars! What will it be like for this year's leaver? They will be the class of 2020 a year to remember or at least one we will find hard to forget! My thoughts go with each school leaver at this time and I pray for them as jobs will be hard to come by, College or University not (at least initially) the social adventure it once was and a traveling gap year will be a memory for some time to come. What is true for each of them is that what can be a difficult but exciting time is now made more difficult and the excitement perhaps replaced by anxiety. However, that is perhaps just an 'old man's' thinking, the young are resilient and often take life simply as it comes. Mind you as I think back 1978 was no bed of roses either the country was bankrupt, the 'Winter of Discontent' approaching and Mrs T elected in 79. Perhaps its just that every generation faces its own set of challenges. Whatever please keep our young people in your prayers.

Light blue touch paper and stand back – 'Hi, Father are you enjoying your extended holiday?' You can only imagine my reaction though I think I remained calm. Yet to tell you what I have been up to risks the contrary accusation (also levelled at me this week) of blowing my own trumpet. So as ever I stand between doing nothing 'on holiday' and trying to convince you that I am spending my life as a martyr for the cause. That being said, I am enormously appreciative of the support many, indeed the vast majority, of you give and I do my best to support you as I am able. I have been privileged to be at the bed side of some offering the last sacraments and to do my best to make funerals services personal and dignified. This week we have the funerals of Roberts Cowan (St Anne's Mass), Margaret Burke (North Berwick) and Eddie O'Connor (6pm Mass and Tranent). I offer Mass for Tufail Masih who though not a Catholic loved the Church garden and found it a place of rest and prayer. As I look down my Mass intention list, I see not only parishioners who are with the Lord but friends who are praying for us. A reminder that we are family, one of another and these bonds though tested are unbroken.

Fr Basil

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## May Devotions

Wednesday 7.00pm  
Exposition and Rosary

## You are invited...

To join us in our  
**Retreat in Daily Life**  
**"God's Gifts to Us"**

When: four weeks from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Where: In your home, on the phone, in your daily exercise,  
in your everyday life

How: in prayer every day,  
and in conversation with a prayer partner

Find out more: through the sheet enclosed, or on the parish website & Facebook or email:

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And register: By Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

## The Ascension of the Lord



### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Mass St Martin's Tranent 9.30am  
Mass Our Lady of Loretto Musselburgh 11.00am

**Hymns at Mass. One or two people have asked for Hymn Numbers to be published. This is now done and is recorded on the readings sheet.**

### Keeping in Contact - Sustaining Community

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

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### Broadcasts other than Sunday Masses

**Rosary Devotions at 7.00pm**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May Tranent

27<sup>th</sup> May Musselburgh

**Solemnity of the Ascension**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May (Please note same time as Sundays)**

Mass 9.30am Tranent

11.00am Musselburgh