

# OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL MUSSELBURGH

	THE EASTER SEASON	Mass Intentions
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	Alison Ferguson AV
Sunday	Mass Tranent Mass	Eddie O'Connor RIP Willie Vidler Sp Int
Monday	Mass – The Venerable Bede	Liza & Alec McLean AV
Tuesday	Mass –	Patricia Cullen RIP
Wednesday	Mass – Holy Rosary for Vocations Video at 7.00pm	Bridget Cuthbert (Malarkey) RIP
Thursday	Mass – Tranent	Special Intention
Friday	Mass –	Patricia Montgomery RIP
Saturday Confessions	Tranent 12.00 – 1.00pm      Musselburgh 5.00 – 6.00pm <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	
	Mass	Grace & Waysil Dudij AV
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Mass Tranent Mass	David & Monica Bisset 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Elizabeth Reynolds AV

**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,, Jennifer Ross.

**Recently deceased:** Fr Tommy Greenan, Annie Maker, June McCran. May they rest in peace.

**Anniversaries.** Alison Ferguson, Mariana Luciano, Ian Swanston, May O'Donnell, Patrick Higgins, Elizabeth Reynolds, Elizabeth Breslin James Mooney, Margaret Wilson, Thaddeus Connelly, Alice & Eddie Maguire, Daniel Baptie.

Dear sisters and brothers

Our lives have been changed beyond belief by something that we cannot see or touch. We have learned a whole new vocabulary: social distancing, furlough, the R number. Social distancing and self-isolation are practiced in order to reduce the R number and prevent the spread of this virus. Keeping apart goes against what comes naturally to us as human beings. We want to come together and be with our families and friends. Wanting to work is part and parcel of being human. Work allows us to support ourselves and our families, but it also brings us dignity and fulfilment.

Between Jesus' Ascension and Pentecost Our Lady and the Apostles spent their time in prayer and reflection probably dominated by bewilderment and fear. The question 'what next?' uppermost in their minds. The Lord had ascended from Galilee, their home territory. Now they were to return to Jerusalem, with its hostile priesthood and aristocracy, with Pilot, Herod and all the others complicit in the Lord's death. They returned to that same upper room where Jesus celebrated his last Passover meal, they returned to wait and see what would happen next – a promise fulfilled or sudden arrest in the night. We know what happened next, they, like us, lived with an uncertain future: a future they had to trust was in the Lord's hands. We know that the Spirit did come and transform their lives giving them courage to face their fears.

We cannot see the Holy Spirit; we cannot touch the Holy Spirit, yet the presence of the Holy Spirit changes our lives forever. The Spirit brings life, courage, healing and consolation. At present, when we cannot come physically together, we can still pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to bring us the gifts that we need at this time. It's getting to be a slog, but we know that we have to hang on for a little longer. Use this time to try and identify where you see the signs of the Spirit working in your life. Ask the Spirit to enter your life and bring hope and joy to the times we are tempted to despair or to the dullness and depression we are all experiencing.

I encourage you to consider joining Miriam McHardy in the **Retreat in Daily Life** exploring *God's Gifts to Us*. As well as that why not consider, if you are able, using the **Magnificat Magazine**. During this time with public Masses suspended and churches closed, the Magnificat is offering free access to the online version of their monthly booklet. It's a good resource with daily prayers, readings, lives of the saints and much more. Check it out at: [www.magnificat.com/free](http://www.magnificat.com/free).

With every blessing for the coming week,

Fr Basil, Fr Hugh and Deacon Gordon.

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## May Devotions

Wednesday 7.00pm Exposition and Rosary

### 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](http://www.musselburghcatholic.org)

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

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### Prayers at this time

'At this time' is a weekly ecumenical call to prayer on Sundays at 7pm. Thirteen Christian churches and organisations having been taking part every Sunday for a number weeks, with people urged to place a candle in their window at that time. We will publish details for this Sunday's prayer on our social media and website when we receive it. Please see [archedinburgh.org/churches-join-in-prayer-for-sunday-evening](http://archedinburgh.org/churches-join-in-prayer-for-sunday-evening)

### Parish Finances - Standing Orders

Thanks to all of you who have completed standing order forms or set up internet banking donations to support your parish.

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Many thanks for your ongoing support of the parish and ourselves. As ever we are most grateful - without your support there would be no parish.

### The Pontifical Bede College - Rome

You may have recently seen the documentary on the Scots College in Rome. Well there is another seminary in Rome where Scots can study for the priesthood – the *Collegio San Bede*. Monday is the feast of St Bede, the patron of that seminary, which both Fr Hugh and I entered in October 1996. We spent 4, mostly happy, years there and have always been grateful for the chance of being in Rome.

The Beda has, over the years, provided a good number of priests for the Archdiocese - at present we have 10 priests who studied there. On Monday therefore Hugh and I will celebrate and pray for the College staff and seminarians who are presently there, as well as for the two lads from the Scots College whose ordinations to the diaconate have been postponed.

### You are invited...

To join us in our

## Retreat in Daily Life "God's Gifts to Us"

When: four weeks from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

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:

Fr Basil: [basilijclark@msn.com](mailto:basilijclark@msn.com)

Or Miriam: [miriam@mmchardy.org.uk](mailto:miriam@mmchardy.org.uk)

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

### Parish Pastoral Council

Using ZOOM

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 5.00pm

A short meeting to see how we prepare for opening the Church for private prayer and devotion – we will have to consider, signage, 'traffic flow', sanitising etc