

Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael

Registering for Sunday Mass

During the Pandemic

Over the next few months, we will have to come to terms with a new way of gathering for and celebrating Sunday Mass. In Musselburgh there will be a choice of 4 masses to attend at the weekend, each limited to 55 individuals (more if people come in groups or as couples)

Please think about what Mass time suits you best as that will be the Mass you need to register for, sadly with very little flexibility. Please remember that masks will need to be worn, social distancing followed and hand sanitising completed.

Given that we are so limited registration will be on a first come basis.

As my first choice I wish to register for

Vigil _____ 9.00am _____ 10.30am _____ 12.00noon _____

As a second choice

Vigil _____ 9.00am _____ 10.30am _____ 12.00noon _____

Please complete in block capitals

Names	
Address	
Post Code:	
Tel. No.	Mobile
Email.	

Your name and contact details will be added to our parish database, which is held on the parish computer, password protected and accessed only by parish clergy and personnel. Your details will not be shared with anyone else outside of the Diocese other than as set out in our Privacy Notice and you can unsubscribe at any time by contacting:

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The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time

Public Worship

Preparations are underway for the re-opening of Churches for public services. This, according to the latest information, may take place from the 23rd of July. This is what you can expect.

All being well Mass resumes on Sunday 26th July – the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Seating according to physical distancing rules. Currently, OLOL would have a capacity of 53 and St Martins, 47. Households may sit together. You will be guided to a seat by a passkeeper- you will most likely be unable to sit where you normally do.

2. You will need to wear a face covering. Exemptions are children under 5 and those with a condition such as asthma. We have a limited supply of masks if you do not have your own.

3. You will need to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving. This will be provided. Please avoid touching statues and other surfaces. If you wish to light votive candles, please bring your own lighters.

4. There will be no music or singing, ministers of communion, altar servers or sacristans. Only the priest will be allowed in the sacristy and toilet facilities will not be available.

5. Mass will be celebrated without the Gloria or Creed and only one reading and the gospel.

6. Holy Communion (under the form of bread only) will be distributed after the final blessing and people are asked to leave immediately.

7. There will be no Teas etc. after Mass.

9. The church will have to be cleaned after each service.

10. in order to accommodate as many people as we can these are the proposed mass times.

Saturday Vigil

5.00pm	Musselburgh	6.30pm	Tranent
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Sunday Masses

9.00am	Musselburgh	10.00am	Tranent
10.30am	Musselburgh	11.30am	Tranent
12.00noon	Musselburgh		

11. Masses will have to be registered for. Sheets in the churches for the next 2 weeks and online registration possible from Monday 15th

12. We will need a team of at least 1 pass keeper, 1 reader and 2 or 3 cleaners for each Mass. Please consider volunteering your time and help make this all possible.

13. My thanks to those who are presently volunteering to clean the church at the end of each day.

With every good wish.

Fr Basil

The First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, announced in her statement on 9th July :

Public Worship

'After careful consideration, we have decided that from 15 July, places of worship can reopen for communal prayer, congregational services and contemplation. However, numbers will be strictly limited; 2 metres physical distancing will be required; and **there will be a requirement to collect the contact details and time of attendance of those entering a place of worship.** Unfortunately, given what we know of transmission risks, singing and chanting will also be restricted.

Funerals

In addition, and linked to that previous change, we will also ease restrictions on attendance at services and ceremonies for funerals, weddings and civil partnerships however, **numbers will be even more limited than for worship generally and physical distancing will be required.**

I must stress that this change applies only to services. Associated gatherings such as wakes or receptions must continue to follow the limits on household gatherings and hospitality'