

OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL MUSSELBURGH

	<i>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</i>			Mass Intentions
Sat 26 th	12.00 Noon 5.00pm 5.30pm	Mass Musselburgh Mass Musselburgh Mass Tranent	Spaces Spaces Full	Thomas Goodlet AV Mary McLean RIP Lillian Connelly RIP
Sunday	9.00am 10.00am 10.30am 11.30am 12.00noon	Mass Musselburgh Mass Tranent Mass Musselburgh Mass Tranent Mass Musselburgh	Spaces Full Full Spaces Spaces	Denis Dowds AV Pro Populo Johan Reape AV Eddie & Bridget O'Connor RIP Bill McLean AV
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu	No Mass			
Fri		Mass Musselburgh Mass Tranent		Ferdinando Damico AV Special Intention
	<i>THE EPIPHANY</i>			
Saturday		Mass Musselburgh Mass Musselburgh Mass Tranent		Fr George Rodgers. Anne Caird RIP James & Sarah Luby & family
Sun 3 rd Jan		Mass Musselburgh Mass Tranent Mass Musselburgh Mass Tranent Mass Musselburgh		Julia Westwell RIP Margaret Glynn AV Mary Townsend AV Pro Populo Beattie McElwee RIP

Please pray 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 & Margaret Rodgers, John Toal, Laura Hepburn, Baby Archie Herkes, Hugh Scott, Albert A Binnie, Helen Archibald, Paulina Nosal, Alice Najafian, James Valley, Jennifer Ross, Jamie Mitchell, Ann Dixon, Cathleen Young, Irene Burnett, Ann Marie Aitken, Mary Skelly, Jimmy Windram. Recently Deceased: John Kelly RIP and Irene Burnette RIP **Anniversaries:** John Glynn, Thea Johnston, Betty Forrest, Bill McLean, Billy Ritchie, Denis Dowds Jane Gillespie, Ruby Stewart, Anita Clark, Mary Smurthwaite, Mary Townsend, Tommy Goodlet, George Cameron, Michael Combe, Thomas Rodgers, Bridget Reape, Ferdinando D'Amico, Vincent Mullarkey, John McGillvray, Hugh Rodgers Snr, Fr George Rodgers, William Davidson. Johan Reape.

Readers This Weekend

5.00pm Michael Combe
9.00am Mary McBride
10.30am John Lally
12.00noon Moira Macfarlane
Readers 2nd/3rd
5.00pm Arlene Donaldson
9.00am Darius Ruminas
10.30am Rafal Piskorski
12.00am Tricia Nicolson

Tier 4 Restrictions

Sat 26th Dec – Sat 16th Jan (at least)

We are faced with a dilemma:

Mass numbers during that period are restricted to **20 people**.

With the necessary assistants, this number is effectively **12 – 14 people**.

We have no capacity for organising registration for these Masses during the Christmas Holiday.

The dilemma is how would we fairly choose which 12 – 14?

Therefore: **Only one Mass between 24 & 27**

December may be attended.

Also, after consultation with the Parish Councils, **All Public Masses on weekend 1/2/3 Jan and the weekends 9/10 and 16/17 Jan will be suspended.**

Masses will be celebrated in private and will only be open for those who are having the Mass said for a loved one should they choose to come. If you choose to come you must let us know in advance.

Weekday Masses will be resumed from Tuesday 5th January at 10.00am in both parishes. Those wish to attend will be restricted to **one mass in the week**.

Please if you are over 70 or otherwise vulnerable then shield. This new variant is easier to pick up and for that reason more threatening.

Stay Home - Stay Safe until the Tier Level is reduced.

Mass from both parishes will be put out on You Tube as usual

Caritas Musselburgh

“The Church is, in Christ, the sign and instrument of God’s love for humanity and for all of creation, our common home.”

Using Your Donations

Donations in 2020 **£2325.52**

Donations from Caritas Musselburgh To

East Lothian Food Bank	£400.00
Refugee Families East Lothian	£118.00
Mary’s Meals	£500.00
Missionaries of Charity	£200.00
LOLO PS Social Fund	£400.00
St David’s PS West Granton	£200.00
St Teresa’s Craigmillar SSVP	£200.00
Leaving £307.52 in the fund	

In addition, we sent £500 to Mary’s Meals from the Charity Bingo; £XXX to SCIAF from the Wee Boxes, £500.00 to Bauchu and £285 in small cash donations to individuals in immediate need.

Over and above that hundreds of kilograms of donations to the Foodbank.

“Charity is the embrace of God our Father to everyone, especially to the least and the suffering, who occupy a preferential place in his heart,” Pope Francis

FIRST READING A reading from the book of Genesis

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless ...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth. **The word of the Lord.**

**R. He, the Lord, is our God.
He remembers his covenant for ever.**

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works! **R.**

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face. **R.**

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R.**

He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac. **R.**



Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord] – observing what stands written in the law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

*'Now, Master,
you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'*

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

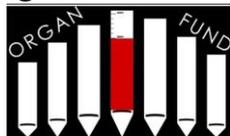
When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him. **The Gospel of the Lord**

**Parish Giving
20th December**

Offertory £328.88
Caritas £ 88.33
Organ Fund £185.00
Candles £ 45.39
Bauchi £439.40
Stall £ 45.00

*Many thanks
for your
generous giving*

Organ Restoration



**Target £9,500
Total received
£8630
£870 remaining
My thanks to those who
donated this week.**

**St Martin of Tours
Community Clothes
& Toy Bank**

Contact **07703 610 571**

**Fadaman Mada
BAUCHI
Children's Appeal
£739.40**

**A further cheque
will be sent off in
the new year.**

Prayer for Families

Loving God,
During this holy season of Christmas,
we ask for your blessing on all
families.
Let Mary's openness to your
wondrous ways be an inspiration
to place all trust in you.
Let Joseph's courage provide hope
during times of anxiety and
uncertainty.
Let Jesus' life ignite all families with
a spirit of light and love.
May the grace that encircled the
Holy Family widen to embrace all
families.
For this we pray.
Amen.