

Our Lady of Loretto & St Michael Musselburgh



	The Easter Season	Mass Intentions
Sat 4 th April		Margaret Wagenbichler AV
Sunday	Mass Tranent Mass	Jim Davie AV Donato Crolla RIP
Monday	Mass	Delia McCluskey RiP
Tuesday	Mass - Tranent	Maureen DeMarco RIP
Wednesday	Mass	Catherine Chapman Logan RIP
Thursday	Mass - Tranent	Jim Macdonald RIP
Friday	Mass	Aaron Higgs RIP
Saturday	Vigil	The People of the Parish
Sun 12 th April	Mass Tranent Mass	David Thomson RIP Anne & John Dixon AV

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. (John 20:19-20).

I can't imagine the joy that those closest to Jesus felt when the hope promised by the empty tomb turned into the reality of resurrection. His hands and side still bear the wounds of crucifixion; the scars are still there on his glorified body.

The experience that we are all undergoing just now will change us. The marks and scars will remain. Let's ensure that we also allow God to change for the better, as individuals, as families and as a society. Let the new found appreciation that we have of those unsung heroes who sacrifice themselves for our good, in the NHS, filling shelves, delivering the post, remain after this is past. Let's ensure that, as we discover the real value of phones and tablets, we remember to give quality time to those who matter most. Let's continue to value the beauty of God's creation and commit to care for our common home.

In a recent address Pope Francis said: *"You (Lord) are calling on us to seize this time of trial as a time of choosing. It is not the time of your judgement, but of our judgement: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others."*

We trust that God will bring good out of this crisis and that we will be sustained by the first gift of the risen Jesus, the gift of peace.

Fr Hugh, Deacon Gordon and I thanks you for your prayers and support at this time.

Fr Basil

Musselburgh Community Resilience: Covid-19 Response.

Call for Volunteers

Resilient Musselburgh is working to support the community during the current Coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak.

See the parish Website for further details



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.

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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.

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

Recently Deceased: Aaron Higgs, David Thomson, Jim Macdonald and Christopher Fitzsimons. *May they rest in peace.*

Anniversaries: Billy Meadows, Anne Wilson, Ina Wilson, Elizabeth de Luca, Bill Houston, Donato Crolla, Nessie Farrell, John Dixon, Theresa Karpaz and Helen Gibbs,

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has issued the following Easter Message.

As we celebrate Easter this year, we cannot escape the suffering inflicted upon us by the Covid-19 Virus. The pandemic is afflicting the whole world and we pray for all those who have caught the virus, their loved ones and those caring for them.

Our lives are greatly restricted and on Easter Sunday, the holiest day of the Christian calendar, we will not be able to go to church. It is hard to find hope in the present situation, but as Christians, we know that the risen Lord is our hope. His suffering death and resurrection give us hope that we will recover, that life will get better and that our nation will feel the peace and love of the risen Christ.

We also have hope in the ingenuity and the generosity of humanity. Though many uncertainties lie ahead, our hope and our determination to recover the lives we once lived is strong. We are grateful to all those who work in healthcare and supply the essential services we rely on. We especially give thanks for the commitment and compassion of our medical professionals and we pray that all their decisions will respect the lives of the most vulnerable, entrusted to their care. We pray too for the researchers around the world working to develop a vaccine and for our political leaders who must make difficult decisions.

May God bless you all and our world this Easter

Bishop Hugh Gilbert; President of the Conference and the Archbishops and Bishops of Scotland. Good Friday 10 April 2020

Aaron Higgs RIP

Aaron's funeral is on Friday. Please continue to pray for him and his family. Like every other funeral at this time only immediate family may attend. I know as a mark of respect and affection some of you are planning to line the street between the church and the cemetery. Should you do this then please maintain a safe (and legal) distance.

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.

More of you have changed over to supporting the parish using Standing Orders. For this I am enormously grateful. If you are interested in doing this, then email me or text me on **07732694230** or phone me on 0131 665 2137 for bank details.

My thanks also to those who put collection envelopes through our door, handed in meals and groceries. Your generosity is appreciated.

● 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
- **Telephone.** 07732694230 or 01316652137
- Help me to expand my email contact list. If you speak to friends, ask them to get in touch by emailing pplorettoandstmichael@gmail.com