

OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL MUSSELBURGH

		Mass Intentions
Saturday 13 th June	THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	Stefan and Annie Makar RIP
Sunday You Tube 4.00pm	Mass Tranent Mass Rosary, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	Isabella McLaughlin RIP Edward Mangan AV
Monday	11TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME Mass – Funeral Service Inveresk – Alfredo Tesoro RIP	Alfredo Tesoro RIP
Tuesday	Mass – Tranent Funeral Service Tranent – Ger Gladstone RIP Mass – Musselburgh – Fr Hugh's 20 th AV of Priesthood	Ger Gladstone RIP Thanksgiving
Wednesday	Mass – Funeral Service Tranent – Rose Thomson RIP	Rose Thomson RIP
Thursday	Mass – Tranent	Julia and Jim Macdonald RIP
Friday	Mass – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Dennis Dowds Snr AV
Saturday Confessions	Tranent 12.00 – 1.00pm Musselburgh 5.00 – 6.00pm Mass – Immaculate Heart of Mary 12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Margaret and David Moodie AV
Sun 21 st June	Mass Tranent Mass	Maureen Demarco RIP Johan Reape RIP

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, Jamie Mitchell.

Recently deceased: Ger Gladstone RIP & Rose Thomson RIP (Tranent) and Alfredo Tesoro RIP (Musselburgh) May they rest in peace

Anniversaries. Bob McArthur, Harry Stuart, William McArthur, William Brown, John Glynn, William Combe, Anne Edie, Dennis Dowds Snr, Stephen Fitzpatrick.

My dear friends,

*We inch towards opening the church for private prayer – looking increasingly likely after the 21st. In order to do this, we have begun to clean the church and prepare a 'pathway' through. Clearly, we cannot gather a group to clean as we would have done before Christmas. However, it would be a great **help if individuals or family groups** were willing to give an hour or two next week for this purpose. If you could let me know that you are able and when you are able to come along, I would be grateful. (In Tranent would you please contact Tricia Edgar who will co-ordinate this) There are gloves and masks available as well as cleaning materials. By next weekend (after the pastoral councils) I will outline the plans for getting in and ensuring safety etc.*

At the same time Funeral Services for around 10 people can be conducted from Church – though, as yet, with no access to toilet facilities.

Beyond this, and all being well by the middle of July, we can have short Masses, celebrated in public but with limited numbers being able to attend. This too will need to be planned for. For those who are shielding we will continue to record mass on YouTube and post for 9.30am and 11.00am.

This means we are also having to experiment in how we have people in our buildings and still have Mass recorded. Everything is experimental and we are having to learn to run long before we can walk. My thanks as ever to Darius as well as to John Lally who are facilitating this next stage. Then what is done in Musselburgh has to be repeated in a quite different building in Tranent. Again, and as ever we are trying to do this with the minimum expense. Some places in the Archdiocese have already spent thousands of pounds on bringing in companies to provide the facility. I can assure you we will not!

Please keep us in your prayers. With every blessing.

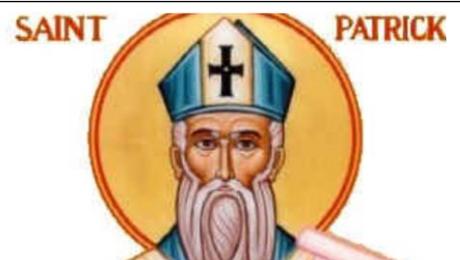
Fr Basil

Parish Pastoral Council

Using ZOOM

Sunday 14th 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



St Patrick's Breastplate

A Prayer of Protection

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

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Fr Hugh celebrates 20 year of Priesthood this coming Tuesday. He was ordained in Fr Steve Gilhooley's church at the time: Mary Mother of the Church, by the late Cardinal O'Brien. I was the Deacon at the Mass reading Fr Hugh's favourite gospel passage – The Prodigal Son. Please pray for him he will be here a year next month. I'm not sure that I was as prodigal as the Father in welcoming him here but perhaps a slightly more cheerful older brother! He however, is never short of praise for this community as it has supported both of us through these weeks. With him I give thanks to you all.

The Eucharist – Sacrifice and Sacrament

"At the Last Supper, on the night when He was betrayed, our Saviour instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the Sacrifice of the Cross throughout the centuries until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of His Death and Resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is eaten, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us."

These words highlight both the sacrifice, which pertains to the essence of the Mass that is celebrated daily, and the sacrament in which those who participate in it through holy Communion eat the flesh of Christ and drink the blood of Christ, and thus receive grace, which is the beginning of eternal life, and the "medicine of immortality" according to Our Lord's words: "The man who eats my flesh and drinks my blood enjoys eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." Yet while we remain unable to receive the Lord's Body and Blood nevertheless the desire for it is sufficient to save.

During this "Eucharistic Fast" one way to keep close to the Lord is to make a "Spiritual Communion." This is an ancient spiritual tradition of the Church which consists in making a simple act of "spiritual communion," whereby we unite ourselves to God through prayer. It is an effective way to express to God our desire to be united with him when we are unable to receive Holy Communion. St. Thomas Aquinas defined a Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him."

You can make a Spiritual Communion whenever and wherever you like, using the prayer we have been using at Mass, or others like it. But better still use your own words, let them express all your feeling and thought, your longing and desires. Remember he always stands at the door of your lives and seeks entry. A simple 'Jesus I love and trust in you' or the profession of St Thomas the Apostle: 'My Lord and My God' will get you going then your own words.

I would encourage you to pay a visit to the Church from the 28th of June. Visit those familiar places of our spiritual home – the Lord's house and tabernacle. Renew your relationship with him present in the blessed sacrament. Then by his grace become his house and tabernacle, become his presence for others – Take him with you back into the world that needs more than ever his healing touch and forgiving words. We become his body for the world he loves.

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.

You are invited to join us in our

Retreat in Daily Life

"God's Gifts to Us"

When: four weeks from Monday 1st 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

Or Miriam: miriam@mmchardy.org.uk

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

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Help me to expand my email contact list. If you speak to friends, ask them to get in touch by emailing me basilijclark@msn.com



Many thanks for your continued support. Please leave any donations in the house porch.

Corpus Christi

YouTube

Rosary and Exposition

This Sunday 4.00pm