

OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL MUSSELBURGH

		Mass Intentions
Saturday 20 th June	12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Margaret and David Moodie AV
Sunday	Mass Tranent Mass	Maureen Demarco RIP Johan Reape RIP
Monday	Mass	Janice Coyle RIP
Tuesday	Mass	Fr Chris Heenan 25 th Anniversary
Wednesday	Mass – Birth of St John the Baptist	Ann Gillan RIP
Thursday	Mass	Maureen Demarco RIP
Friday	Mass	Billy Wallace RIP
Saturday Confessions	Tranent 12.00 – 1.00pm Musselburgh 5.00 – 6.00pm SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	John Burns RIP
Sun 28 th June	Mass Tranent Mass	Tommy Lubby RIP Aaron Higgs 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.

Anniversaries. Desmond McCann, Patricia Taggart, George Douglas, Bill McKenna, Thomas Chapman, John Mitchell, John Gillan, James Savage and James Scott

One more slow step forward out of Lock down...

Churches can open for private prayer from Monday 22nd June. A big thanks you to those who have volunteered their time to give the church a deep clean and so be ready for this moment.

Our church in Musselburgh has always been open until Covid. Not that it was used much. The days of paying a little visit to pray before the blessed sacrament and light a candle had passed. It was certainly part of the dilution of our Catholic practice which had occurred to over recent years. But when these things are all that is left to us then we should use them!

I invite you then to come and light a candle and say a prayer. Spend time with the Lord who urges us to put our trust in him, who reminds us of our infinite value as children of God while also pointing out to us that God values all that lives - even that very valuable and increasing rare commodity the hair on my head. 'Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows'. Perhaps it time to dust of the old prayer to St Michael patron saint of Musselburgh and our church: **St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

While the language may be strange it is the same struggle we live with: Our vulnerability remains even when the symbols change. The danger lies in being lulled into forgetting that good and evil are real and that each person, each generation must choose. Do not be afraid says the Lord, the victory is mine. Fr Basil



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

Online Contacts

www.musselburghcatholic.org

Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael

On Facebook and YouTube

Sunday Masses

Recorded on YouTube

9.30am

St Martin's Tranent

11.00am

Our Lady of Loretto

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Visiting the Church for Private Prayer

KEEP SAFE & KEEP OTHERS SAFE

Some simple guidelines:

Please treat the church as a public building – **bring and wear a face mask**

Enter by the side door (door with the ramp) only

People leaving the church have right of way. If you are entering as others are leaving then stand back outside until they leave

Use the hand sanitiser placed at the holy water stoop + **sanitise and make the sign of the cross**

Passage round the church is one way only – follow the signs

Other people may be in the church, if so then **maintain social distancing** – the 6 foot minimum. **Please don't stop and speak in the church**, if you know and want to talk with people you meet then **talk at a distance in the garden**

To light candles **please bring your own lighter or matches** - NB if using matches **shake don't blow!**

Seating limited to:

- The bench in front of the Sacred Heart Altar
- Individual seats in front of High Altar
- The bench in front of the Our Lady's Altar

You MUST take one of the wet wipes provided and **sanitise the seat/bench before and after use then place in the bucket provided**

In the first week

CHURCH OPEN 10.00am – 2.00pm

These hours will increase once we get used to the procedures

People shielding can visit at other times by appointment call 0131 665 2137

All of the above is very different from what we are used to – very different but it is important that we get used to them and help others to do the same. This will help us to move forward to Stage 3 when we can return to limited celebrations of Sunday Mass

Funerals Masses in Stage 2

1. From Monday we can once more celebrate Funeral Masses and Services in our Church. These will however be restricted to around 10 people – immediate family members.
2. Those we love may be brought into church the night before again with a limited number of people – but perhaps different people.
3. Burials and cremations will remain restricted in number.

Caritas, Justice and Peace, Eco Group

LAUDATO SI' Anniversary Year 24 May 2020 – 24 May 2021

5 years ago, Pope Francis published his landmark encyclical *Laudato si'* – On Care of our Common Home. He has marked this by calling Catholics to even greater effort in raising awareness of the ecological crisis and then acting. You can find both the encyclical and material on the anniversary year on the Archdiocesan website.

<https://archedinburgh.org/document-highlights-laudato-si-anniversary-projects/> I encourage you to have a look.

Friends of the Earth Scotland are running a campaign called **Just and Green Recovery** looking at a post Covid Scotland. A letter was sent to Nicola Sturgeon at the end of May signed by 80 groups/individuals asking for action on specific points. Alistair Dutton has signed it on behalf of SCIAF and I am asking the Archdiocesan J&P Commission to get behind this. FOE is looking for other people to sign/ join the campaign. Again, I encourage you to take a look and support this. Investing in sustainable industries for the future make both economic and ecological sense please visit: <https://foe.scot/campaign/just-green-recovery-for-scotland/>