

Sunday 8th December

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(with St Martin of Tours, Tranent)

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		<b>WELCOME</b>	<b>Mass Intentions</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>ADVENT II</b>	<b>Andrew McAlpine &amp; Irene McLean AV</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>		<b>Stein Family &amp; Innes Family</b> <b>Denis Dowds RIP</b>
<b>Monday</b>		<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass – Our Lady of Loretto</b> <b>Mass Tranent</b>	<b>Alice McCarthy AV</b> <b>Ina McCrann RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Monica Montgomery RIP</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass Tranent</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mass – St Lucy</b>	<b>Dalia McCluskey RIP</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30am</b> <b>5.15pm</b>	<b>Mass – St John of the Cross</b> <b>Exposition Rosary and Confessions</b> <b>Confessions</b>	<b>Mrs Marcella RIP</b>
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>ADVENT III - GAUDETE</b>	<b>John Boyde AV</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b>		<b>Anna Kerr (McGowan) AV</b> <b>Charlie Boyle AV</b>
		<b>Teas and Coffees available after mass</b>	

**Big Christmas Clean**  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
Either  
From 10.00am  
Or  
From 7.00pm

*Children's Liturgy*  
*Decorating the*  
**Christmas**  
**Tree**  
*After 11.00am*  
*Mass today*


  
**Happy Hogmanay!**  
You are invited to a  
New Years Eve  
**Families Party**  
Also celebrating Fr Basil's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
**8.00pm – 12.30pm**

Guitar Group  
**CAROLS AND**  
**READINGS**  
**BY FAIRYLIGHT**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.00pm  
Parish Hall  
Light refreshments afterwards  
**Everyone Welcome**

**LOOLYP**  
**SISTERACT**  
PRESENTS FEB 2020  
A DIVINE MUSICAL COMEDY  
Tickets are now available  
for our Feb production  
of Sister Act.  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Call The Brunton on  
0131 665 2240

*For new & old alike –*  
*2 short training sessions*  
**Readers at Christmas**  
**The Ministry of Proclamation**  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm  
**Passkeepers at Christmas**  
**The Ministry of Welcome**  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm

**Parish**  
**Christmas Cards**  
**Joy to the World**  
Are now available.  
Please take one and take one  
for a Catholic neighbour or  
family member. As ever they  
have the Christmas Mass times.

**Choir Practice**  
  
**Wed 7.00pm**

**Ministries at Christmas**  
Sign up sheets now at the back of the church.  
Please sign up now and allow us to plan ahead.



## Jingle Bags

for Christmas collection has now started to provide a meal for Christmas day. Non-perishable items include tinned chicken/turkey, tinned veg, dried potatoes, pkt. gravy, bread sauce, stuffing, Christmas pudding (individual), custard, mince pies, selection box, crackers. Everyone referred to the food bank from Mon. Dec. 9th will receive a food parcel and a jingle bag they can put aside for Christmas day. Please donate as you can.

Many thanks for your continued support of the Foodbank it is much appreciated.

## ALTAR SERVERS

Pre Christmas Practice  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am

**Sign up Sheets for Masses available now**

**Christmas Altar Servers Party**  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1.00pm  
Cosmos Buffet Edinburgh

**Please pray for the sick:** 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, Mary McLean, Alice Najafian and Johan Reape.  
**Anniversaries** Jane Douglas, Tom McGinn, Alice McCarthy, Peggy Brown, Charles O'Donnell, David Gilroy, Archie Tait, Mary Gray, Rena Chapman.

### Ministries 14th/15th December

<b>Altar Servers: 6pm</b>	Danny, Natalia, Molly.	<b>11am</b>	Adam, Julia, Scott, Kara, Mollie.
<b>Readings: 6pm</b>	R Dowds J McGowan	<b>11am</b>	P Nicolson R Piskorski
<b>Prayers: 6pm</b>	P MacDonald	<b>11am</b>	E McDunphy
<b>Eucharist: 6pm</b>	M & J Roberts, H Brown, D Vincent J Glen	<b>11am</b>	C Flynn, A Vidler, M McHardy, J McLean C Purnell, J Scott

**Cleaning: w/c 16th:-** Kathleen and Martha

**Teas:-** Agnieszka

**Children's Liturgy:-** Hazel, Sheena and helpers



**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Offertory	£749.20
Candles	£ 44.47
Stall	£ 50.00
Hall	£290.00
Bauchi	£ 82.00



**Ora pro nobis.**

## Make your Giving go Further



This year the parish received almost £8,000 in Tax returns from the Government. Which is a magnificent boost to parish funds and allows us to pay the Archdiocese what they ask in assessment. My thanks to all who use the scheme and contribute in this way.

Next year we will face a new challenge. As the number of retired priests has risen and as we all live longer the total cost of clergy pensions has grown considerably and parish contributions have not kept up with that growth. This now has to be dealt with and so next year, and for the foreseeable future, we will need to contribute £10,000 per annum to this fund. This will be divided between Musselburgh and Tranent so the figure for Musselburgh will be about £7,000. **So, what to do?**

Well if you pay income tax and don't use Gift Aid then I ask you to consider doing so. It is a simple way to increase your giving without having to give any more.

I ask you to consider making your contributions to the parish by setting up a standing order. That way if you are unable to make Sunday Mass you continue to contribute.

All of this is important because it is time to get on and renovate the Hall which is now being well used but in need of a complete refurbishment. While we have and will continue to spend money on our beautiful church, we now need to invest in the part of our premises that engages most with the wider Musselburgh community.

To help with all of this I have begun to form a Finance Group. It will work with me to ensure that your money is prudently spent. The first formal meeting is set for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January. If you have skills in this area or in marketing and or fundraising, I would be grateful to hear from you. **Fr Basil**



Supporting our Sister Parish

## The Children

**of Our Lady of Loretto,  
Fadaman Mada Bauchi Nigeria**

As we have done for some years were are once more supporting the children of our sister parish at Christmas. Envelopes are available and I know you will be as generous as ever.