

OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL MUSSELBURGH



	HOLY WEEK	Mass Intentions
Sat 4 th April	PASSION SUNDAY	Nora Grehan & Maureen Rodzik AV
Sunday	Mass Tranent Mass	The people of the Parish Julia Macdonald RIP
Monday	Mass	Veronica (Lynch) Mclvor RIP
Tuesday	Mass	John Martin RIP
Wednesday	Mass	Andrew Moffat AV
Thursday	HOLY THURSDAY	Derick Halliday RIP
Friday	GOOD FRIDAY Burial Service Inveresk - Anthony Pelosi RIP	
Saturday	Vigil EASTER	Margaret Wagenbichler AV
Sun 12 th April	Mass Tranent Mass	Jim Davie AV Donato Crolla RIP

The Sound of Silence

Along with many other parts of the world, we face the greatest health challenge since the influenza pandemic of 1918 – 1919. In a time of great fear, when our first instinct is to draw closer together for support and comfort, we are required to isolate ourselves. The common good is best served by spending time alone.

The obvious temptation is to now spend our time surrounded by noise in all the various ways the media brings it to us: Within that I include 'visual noise'. Anything to help us avoid silence. Yet if we are brave enough to listen in the silence then other voices, gentler sounds will make it through. Who knows even the awesome sound of God's tentative murmur might be heard? Even more terrifying, perhaps the voice of our own spirit, with all her joys and apprehensions, might have a chance to speak? If so then that is prayer, heart speaking to heart, our essential or fundamental Self in communion with the source, ground and completion of all things.

Because the Christian is never alone, we are always in God's presence, God standing at the door of our lives waiting for an invitation to enter. Give silence an opportunity to work it's wonder, go into that quiet place to commune with God who comes close to us with a mother's tenderness: "Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I who took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them." Hosea 11:3,4

Contributing to the Parish through Standing Order.

My thanks to those who, in this last week, changed over to supporting the parish using Standing Orders. 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 envelopes through our door, handed in food and continued to remember Fr Hugh and I. A bottle of wine was also contributed I shall enjoy that on Easter Sunday.

As you see above each day, we continue to say Mass for you and your intentions. Fr Hugh and I say mass together each day so You will see, overleaf, that I have added further intercessions to each mass. If there is someone you want prayed for at Mass, simply let us know. Fr B

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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, Veronica (Lynch) Mclvor, Catherine (Chapman) Logan, Anthony Pelosi RIP and David Thomson. *May they rest in peace.*

Anniversaries: Thomas Quinn, Helen Drysdale, Gavin Innes, Jean Clark, James Frazer Annie Dixon, James McVey, Charles McCann, Peter Wallace, Nancy Johnston, Margaret Wagenbichler,

Second Mass Intentions This Week

Monday:	Our Lady of Loretto PS
Tuesday:	St Martin's PS
Wednesday:	St David's HS
Thursday	Ross High
Friday:	No Mass
Saturday AM	The Bereaved
Saturday PM	The People of Musselburgh
Sunday 9.30	The People of Tranent
Sunday 11.00	NHS Staff & Patients

Churches in Scotland are joining together in prayer

"As we continue to live through this time of trial, we sense an ever-renewed Call to Prayer...We are not alone in hearing this call. Rather, it is a Call being heard and responded to across the nations of our island and across the nations of our world. This being so, we invite you to pray in solidarity with others at 7pm on Sunday 5th April, which is Palm Sunday. On Sunday at 7.00pm I will expose the Blessed Sacrament and spend 30 minutes with Lord ending this prayer time with: **A prayer for this time** which can be found on the third sheet of this letter.



Thanks to those who have dropped these off over the last few days.

Caritas Musselburgh East Lothian Foodbank

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.

Mass from Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael

Well we bit the bullet and stepping well outside my comfort zone we recorded and posted Mass for Friday of this last week. My thanks to those who have been generous in their comments. We will post Sunday Mass from both parishes: Musselburgh from this Sunday and Tranent from Easter Sunday. My thanks to Darius who helped with technical assistance. We will, I hope, get more proficient and confident as the weeks go on.

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

Aaron Higgs RIP As many of you will now know Aaron aged 11 years died very suddenly on Saturday night/Sunday morning. A terrible event made even more painful under these circumstances. Please pray for Gemma, Martin and for Aiden and Evie and for all the other members of Aarons family who are devastated by this. May he rest in peace. May Our Lady pray for him.

Palm Crosses are available to be picked up from the Church grounds. They will be found near the Sacred Heart Statue. When you are there say a prayer, pray for Aaron and all whom we have lost in recent weeks.

A simplified form of Sunday Mass will be posted each week.

N.B. Only if you are out for some exercise - please do not make a special journey

● 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

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At 7.00pm this Sunday please join with me and other Christians throughout the United Kingdom in a time of prayer and reflection

A prayer for this time

Living God, for the precious gift of life that you have given to us,
We give you thanks.
For the enduring presence of your love in this world,
We give you thanks.
For the knowledge that you are with us at the close of the day,
We give you thanks.
On this day, we hear the Gospel words that speak of hope,
We hear the cry: Hosanna!
We hear the Gospel words that speak of promise,
We hear the cry: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
On this day, we journey in hope as we trust in your promise.
Lord, as we journey into the Holy Week to come,
We are conscious that we share in the life of the world.
We are conscious of the presence of those who are near to us,
And of those from whom we are apart.
Whether near, or far, embrace us all in your love.
Lord, we are conscious of others,
Whose life and work is woven into the fabric of our society,
And upon whom we now depend.
We pray for them:
For delivery drivers and posties,
For refuse collectors and cleaners,
For police officers and care workers,
Protect them and keep them safe.
For nurses and doctors,
For scientists and surgeons,
For midwives and ambulance drivers,
Protect them and watch over them.
For those who govern on our behalf,
For those who make decisions that impact upon us all,
For all who shape our common life,
Protect them and increase their wisdom and understanding.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
And grant us faith to journey into the week to come,
Assured of the presence of the crucified and risen Lord,
Jesus Christ. Amen."



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in
the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me
to be separated from You.
Amen.



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Mother of the Christian People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.