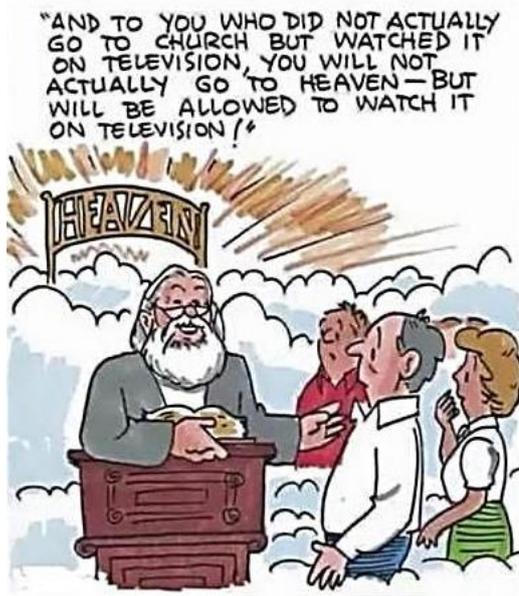


OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL MUSSELBURGH

| | | Mass Intentions |
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| Saturday 18 th July | 16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | Pro Populo |
| Sunday | Mass Tranent Mass | Johnnie Martin AV Denis Dowds RIP |
| Monday | Funeral Mass (in Prestonpans) Mass | Doreen Findlay RIP Isa McIntyre AV |
| Tuesday | Mass – Tranent Reception if Isabella Currie into Church | Robert Antoniuk RIP |
| Wednesday | Funeral Mass | Isabella Currie RIP |
| Thursday | Mass – Tranent St Bridget of Sweden | Fr Mike Began RIP |
| Friday | No Mass | |
| Saturday Confessions | By appointment St James the Apostle 17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | |
| 5.00pm | Mass Musselburgh | Tommy Higgins Sn AV |
| 6.30pm | Mass Tranent | Pro Populo |
| Sun 26 th July | 9.00am Mass Musselburgh 10.00am Mass Tranent 10.30am Mass Musselburgh 11.30 am Mass Tranent 12.00noon Mass Musselburgh | Edward Combe Jr AV Nan & James McFarlane AV Francis Green RIP Ger Gladstone RIP John and Ruth Kelly RIP |

Please remember to pray for our local nursing homes **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, Ann Dixon, Cathleen Young. **Recently Deceased** Doreen Findlay, Isabella Currie and William Van Beck Smith; may they rest in peace. **Anniversaries** Peter Gallagher, Ellen Paterson Margaret McArdle, Chrissie Beveridge, Patrick Freeman, Isa Henderson, Bob Thomson, Barney Fanning.



Parish Council & Finance Committee Appeal

We needed £2,000 to meet new costs £1880 has been raised so far: £1170.00 though the bank and £710.00 contributed in cash. Many thanks for your continued generosity in supporting the parish and ourselves as priests. We have been overwhelmed and cannot express our gratitude adequately. May God bless you and yours. Fr B. Fr H. Deacon G

Online Contacts website

www.musselburghcatholic.org

On Facebook and YouTube
Our Lady of Loretto & St Michael

Sunday Masses

Recorded on YouTube

9.30am St Martin's Tranent
11.00am Our Lady of Loretto

A Big **THANKYOU** to those who have kept the church open by coming and cleaning at the end of each session. Literally without you the church would have to shut again.

Funerals in Church

I am very happy to announce that these have resumed. However:

- There are restrictions on numbers. Each Funeral Director will set the number their staff are comfortable with. However, the legal maximum is 20.
- Social distancing must be maintained. Both in the Church and Garden.
- Reception into Church the night before will allow others to attend but again up to a maximum of 20.
- As with Sunday Mass there will be no hymns, but other music is possible.
- We are unable to provide toilet facilities as we do not have the staff for sanitising afterwards.
- Meetings with the family and myself will take place in the church.

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OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL MUSSELBURGH

Little challenges that may be hard to overcome

We will be welcoming you back to our churches for Mass from Saturday 25th July. You will all be welcome indeed: once more the Lord calls you to come to him. It will not however be as it was: at least not for many weeks to come. There are challenges, little challenges it is true but it is sometimes the little things that trips us up. I will begin with these.

Registering for Sunday Mass?

'After careful consideration, we have decided that from 15 July, places of worship can reopen for communal prayer, congregational services and contemplation. However, numbers will be strictly limited; 2 metres physical distancing will be required; and there will be a requirement to collect the contact details and time of attendance of those entering a place of worship. Unfortunately, given what we know of transmission risks, singing and chanting will also be restricted., The First Minister on 9th July Further the government have restricted us to 50 people per Mass which will make things even more tight as we begin to return. Forms for registration are available. But there is a bonus – no singing and no sermon.

'But I always sit there'

The psychologists call this territoriality. It maybe comes as a surprise, but studies show that university students do the same in Lecture Halls that we do in Church They return time and again to their 'own seat'. It is in fact deeply human and it is one way we settle into and feel secure. The change of seating will perhaps, more than anything else, knock us out of our comfort zone. It will take a bit of getting used to. We have over these months had to get used to much worse and so we will cope. No doubt if we are at this long enough then our new seat will be where we always sit.

'Up the front'

Just as hard will be the fact that we must fill up from the front - well remember it's not the Russian front! It is, however, another challenge to deep seated Catholic sensibilities. Remember school the front of the class was for swats and the naughty. Oh, how our childhood shapes us. But it is logical you do not want to be passing people, or have people passing you, the logic is to get in, settle and say a prayer or two.

'Communion at the end what, after the blessing'

Well what can I say. The intention is that you do not turn back and face each other and that you can safely leave the church one by one. I will not say where but on St Patrick's day, when this was all just kicking off, people beautifully social distanced in their seats and then nearly to a man or woman gathered in the aisle to talk each other about how awful this all was. Now I agree it is awful and we will want to meet and share stories but please not yet and not in Church.

Masks to be worn in Church – but you can take them off for Communion!

Well I suppose we are getting used to wearing them, but it will still be strange. Remember the old days? Come in quietly and spend a little time with God preparing for Mass. Well they have returned: no socialising as we did for the last 40 or 50 years but reverence and silent prayer. Now that will please some...

From the weekend 25th/26th we are providing places for 200 in Musselburgh and 150 in Tranent over 7 Masses plus two recorded and put up on the internet for those who are continuing to shield. In later weeks these too may be open to small congregations of 30 or so. We shall see.

Training for the New Regulations

Pass keepers, Readers & 'Sanitisers' for weekend Masses

Saturday 25th July 12.00noon Musselburgh and 1.00pm Tranent

*It is essential that **all** who can come do come*

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER 10.00AM – 4.00PM

PLEASE FOLLOW GUIDELINES PROVIDED