

# OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL MUSSELBURGH

	19 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>WELCOME TO MASS</i>	Mass Intentions
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Mass 5.00pm Musselburgh Mass 6.30pm Tranent	Rena Boyd AV Maureen Demarco RIP
Sunday	Mass 9.00am Musselburgh Mass 10.00am Tranent Mass 10.30am Musselburgh Mass 11.30 am Tranent Mass 12.00noon Musselburgh	Pro Populo Michael and William Buckley AV Julia and Jim Macdonald RIP Margaret Patterson RIP The Wood and Giblin Family
Mon	<b>No Public Mass Monday, Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</b>	
Thurs 10.00am	Mass - Tranent	Eddie O'Connor RIP
Fri 10.00am	Mass St Maximilian Kolbe	Grace and Wasyl Dudij AV
Saturday 15th	Mass – <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION</b> Mass 5.00pm Musselburgh <b>FULL</b> Mass 6.30pm Tranent <b>FULL</b>	For our Schools  Jessie Blackley & Thomas Quinn AV Pro Populo
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Mass 9.00am Musselburgh <b>SPACES</b> Mass 10.00am Tranent <b>SPACES</b> Mass 10.30am Musselburgh <b>FULL</b> Mass 11.30 am Tranent <b>SPACES</b> Mass 12.00noon Musselburgh <b>SPACES</b>	Grace de Blanc (Finnigan) RIP Tommy Luby RIP Rose and Seamus Lavelle RIP Ina McCran RIP Mary McLean RIP

## Parish Finance

### Stewardship - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Offertory	£396.87
Appeal	£ 35.00
Caritas	£ 25.05
Candles	£ 14.08

### Parish Income 1<sup>st</sup> April to 25 July

Through:-	<b>The House</b>	£6,509
	<b>The Bank</b>	£9,738
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£16,247</b>

This means we are around £2,000 less than the same period last year. Considering we were looking at being £8,000 down at the start of June then this is a magnificent response to the Finance Committee and Parish Council's appeal. Your generosity and support are overwhelming. My warmest thanks to all who contributed to keeping the parish in good financial shape. This is needed even more as we have had no income from the Hall, Stall or Candles.

Other monies have been donated for SCIAF - Wee Boxes and Caritas Musselburgh which have either been passed on or used locally.

With every blessing Fr Basil

## Church Open for Prayer 10.00am – 4.00pm

**Please follow Guidelines**

**Fr Hugh** has been with us for just over a year and, as he announced at masses last weekend, his time with us is coming to an end. He is moving into the city and will be living in residence at St John Vianney's in Gilmerton – Fr Alex Davie the parish priest will be resident in Gracemount. Sadly, we will not be able to have the usual celebration which proceeds a priest's departure, but I am sure you will wish him well as you get the chance. Fr Hugh will leave us sometime in September.

## The Parish Online

Website - [www.musselburghcatholic.org](http://www.musselburghcatholic.org)

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**Test and Trace - Masses must be pre-registered for please do not simply turn up!**

**Please remember to pray** Of 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. **Anniversaries:** Annie Buckley, Martha Gordon, John McNamara, John Scott, Bobby Mitchell, Elizabeth Coyle, Maureen Murray, Jackie Gardiner, Jeanette Knight, Jim Clarke.

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**FIRST READING** A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. **The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

**SECOND READING** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*What I want to say is no pretence, I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too.*

*What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen. **The word of the Lord.***

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Lord save me!**

After the feeding of the multitude Jesus sent his disciples away. Matthew says that he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead. At first sight the word made sounds strange; but if we turn to John's account of the incident we will most likely find the explanation. John tells us that after the feeding of the multitude, the crowd wished to come and to make him a king by force ([John 6:15](#)). There was a surge of popular acclamation, and in the excited state of Palestine a revolution might well have there and then begun. It was a dangerous situation, and the disciples might well have complicated it, for they, too, were still thinking of Jesus in terms of earthly power. Jesus sent away his disciples because a situation had arisen with which he could best deal alone, and in which he did not wish them to become involved.

(There follows one of the strangest incidents in the New Testament. The disciples are in the boat, a sudden spring storm arises, and the boat is being overwhelmed and Jesus walks out to them on the water. The meaning of the incident is clear.)

In the hour of the disciples' need Jesus came to them. When the wind was contrary and life was a struggle, Jesus was there to help. No sooner had a need arisen, than Jesus was there to help and to save. In life the wind is often contrary. There are times when we are up against it and life is a desperate struggle with ourselves, with our circumstances, with our temptations, with our sorrows, with our decisions. At such a time no one need struggle alone, for Jesus comes to us across the storms of life, with hand stretched out to save, and with his calm clear voice bidding us take heart and--have no fear.

It does not really matter how we take this incident; it is in any event far more than the story of what Jesus once did in a storm in far-off Palestine; it is the sign and the symbol of what he always does for his people, when the wind is contrary and we are in danger of being overwhelmed by the storms of life.

Rev W Barclay