

OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL MUSSELBURGH

	<i>23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> <i>WELCOME TO MASS</i>	Mass Intentions
Saturday 5 th September	Mass 10.00am Musselburgh Spaces Mass 5.00pm Musselburgh Full Mass 6.30pm Tranent Full	Willie Vidler RIP George Douglas AV Ellen Glynn AV
Sunday	Mass 9.00am Musselburgh Spaces Mass 10.00am Tranent Full Mass 10.30am Musselburgh Full Mass 11.30 am Tranent Spaces Mass 12.00noon Musselburgh Spaces	Margaret & David Moodie AV Maureen Steele RIP Catherine & Mark Chapman AV Dickie Dickson RIP Margaret Johnston RIP
No Public Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday		
Thurs 10.00am	Mass – Tranent	Tommy Luby RIP
Fri 10.00am	Mass –	John Clark RIP
Saturday	Mass 10.00am Musselburgh During Covid Counts for Sunday Mass 5.00pm Musselburgh Full Mass 6.30pm Tranent Full <i>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	Denis Dowds RIP Maureen Steele RIP Margaret Quinn RIP
Sun 13 th September	Mass 9.00am Musselburgh Spaces Mass 10.00am Tranent Full Mass 10.30am Musselburgh Full Mass 11.30 am Tranent Spaces Mass 12.00noon Musselburgh Spaces	Daniel Reynolds AV Julia & Jim Macdonald RIP Bridget Cuthbert RIP Maureen DeMarco RIP Rose Marie Mullan RIP

The SEASON OF CREATION

Spiritual Stones

During the month of September, you are invited to paint a stone at home to be placed in the Wildlife garden as a symbol of creation, as well as faith in our strength and resilience within this beautifully diverse community. This can be any design you wish to express, simple or detailed and can be more than one. A box will be left on the Church grounds to leave your completed stone so we can varnish and place for you.

Creative Creation Time

*Made in the image of God
we are the creators*

Join us for a creative (socially distanced) prayer walk where you can choose to take symbolic pictures on your journey

Sunday 13th Sept 3 0 4.30 pm
Meeting outside church Hall

Stewardship

30th August

Offertory	£355.46
Hall Refurb'	£200.00
Caritas	£53.88
Candles	£19.09
SCIAF	£26.57

*Many Thanks for your
ongoing support*

Readers 5th & 6th

5.00pm	Mark Roberts
9.00am	Eoin McDunphy
10.30am	Peter Duffy
12.00noon	Beth Nicolson

Readers Next Weekend

5.00pm	Michael Combe
9.00am	Mary McBride
10.30am	John Lally
12.00noon	?

Reader needed for 12.00 Mass

The Parish Online

www.musselburghcatholic.org

On Facebook & YouTube

Our Lady of Loretto & St Michael

Whatsapp

Loretto Virtual parish



Church Garden Volunteers

Can you help?

**The weather has not been kind to
gardeners these last weeks and
so we need more help in
September and early October.
Any day that suits**

Say the Rosary on September 8th Our Lady's Birthday



Please 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. **Anniversaries:** Grace Donlevy, Isobel Chapman, Pat Mackie, Jimmy Donlevy, Sally McKenna. Daniel Gray, Danny Reynolds.

Loretto Dump! We are in the middle of clearing the hall. There was a moment when I thought I was mistaken and was clearing out a sub station of the local tip – at the 4th wheelchair I almost lost the will to live. Please, please help us by not leaving things in the Hall as it then costs the parish time and money to remove it!

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FIRST READING A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you

responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin but you yourself will have saved your life.' **The word of the Lord.**

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/-**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R/-**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R/-**

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia!**

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

*Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments. **The word of the Lord.***

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

The Season of Creation:

'We have known for decades that this time will come. We have been made aware of the rapid extinction of beautiful and unique creatures. Thanks to the honest and disciplined work of climate scientists, we know (unless we fall victim to fake news) right now, that our lifestyle is unsustainable, and our dominant philosophy of 'permanent growth at all cost' carries the seeds of the destruction of the life that God called good.

Over and above the foolish stewardship of land and resources, yet closely allied to it, is the crisis of values, and of spirituality; a twisted and self-deceptive view of 'profit'. The whole Christian family now has an unprecedented opportunity and calling: to bring together mission, justice, stewardship, and study: to bring out of our 'treasure' the determinative priorities and values that are so different from those piloting Creation towards catastrophe. And above all, to take note of, and act on, and trust in, the worth we are given (each and all of us) in Christ. The worth and encouragement we may give to our neighbour, and our fellow creature, in partnership, rather than exploitation. May we cherish and be empowered by the knowledge of our enduring and transforming worth in the sight of God. Even if, until now, we have indeed pursued 'worthless things'. *Eco Congregation Scotland*

Pope Francis comes to each and every one of us as individual persons and quietly reminds us that we are living outside of God's will with regard to the earth, to other species and to the poor. He reminds humanity that we are no owners but custodians. We are to steward the earth and even to 'husband' it. This sounds a bit sexist, but it tells you of how a previous generation thought of humanity's relationship to the earth – it was marital. The Pope is trying to win us back, he is urging us to listen before it is too late, before the forces of nature, arbitrary and overwhelming, turn and rend us. The clock is ticking it is not a game. We must change urgently. Fr B