

Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael Registering for Sunday Mass During the Pandemic

Over the next few months, we will have to come to terms with a new way of gathering for and celebrating Sunday Mass. In Musselburgh there will be a choice of 4 masses to attend at the weekend, each limited to 55 individuals (more if people come in groups or as couples)

Please think about what Mass time suits you best as that will be the Mass you need to register for, sadly with very little flexibility. Please remember that masks will need to be worn, social distancing followed by hand sanitising completed.

Given that we are so limited registration will be on a first come basis.

Saturday 10.00am _____ **Counts for Sunday**

Vigil _____ 9.00am _____ 10.30am _____ 12.00noon _____

Please complete in block capitals

Names	
Address	
Post Code:	
Tel. No.	Mobile
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The obligation to attend Mass remains suspended at this time

Public Worship

- 1. Seating according to physical distancing rules.** Currently, OLOL would have a capacity of 60 and St Martins, 54. Households may sit together. You will be guided to a seat by a passkeeper- you will most likely be unable to sit where you normally do.
- 2. You will need to wear a face covering.** Exemptions are children under 5 and those with a condition such as asthma. We have a limited supply of masks if you do not have your own.
- 3. You will need to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving.** This will be provided. Please avoid touching statues and other surfaces. If you wish to light votive candles, please bring your own lighters.
- 4. There will be no music or singing, ministers of communion.**
- 5. Mass will be celebrated without the Gloria or Creed and only one reading and the gospel.**
- 6. Holy Communion** (under the form of bread only) will be distributed after the final blessing and people are asked to leave immediately.
- 7. There will be no Teas etc. after Mass.**
- 9. The church will have to be cleaned after each service.**
- 10. in order to accommodate as many people as we can these are the proposed mass times.**

Saturday Vigil

5.00pm	Musselburgh	5.30pm	Tranent
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Sunday Masses

9.00am	Musselburgh	10.00am	Tranent
10.30am	Musselburgh	11.30am	Tranent
12.00noon	Musselburgh		

- 11. Masses will have to be registered for.** Forms available on request or from the church.
- 12.** We will need a team of at least 1 pass keeper, 1 reader and 2 or 3 cleaners for each Mass. Please consider volunteering your time and help make this all possible.
- 13.** My thanks to those who are presently volunteering to clean the church at the end of each day.

With every good wish.

Fr Basil

Changes to the covid restrictions

The 50-capacity restriction on places of worship in Scotland is being changed from Monday 26 April. Capacity will be determined by the size of your church, with the continued requirement of 2 metre physical distancing. Registering the attendees at each Mass and the other mitigations of face coverings, hand sanitiser and one-way systems etc. will still be necessary. It means bigger churches will be able to welcome more people to Mass, which is very good news. Places of worship will be expected to undertake a building assessment to determine capacity.

In both Musselburgh and Tranent this will make only a marginal difference in terms of individuals but with family groups we may be able to fit in a few more people at each Sunday Mass.

Weddings/Funerals

From 26 April the maximum capacity at both weddings and funerals will rise to 50 (it is currently 5 for weddings and 20 for funerals).

Children under 12

Children under 5 are **not** included in the building capacity. Children between 5 and 12 **have now to be** included in the capacity count.

Please note that we have Mass at 10.00am on Wednesdays and Fridays and even if you are unable to make it at the weekends this at least allows you a weekly act of public worship.