

# OUR LADY OF LORETTO & ST MICHAEL - MUSSELBURGH WITH ST. MARTIN'S - TRANENT PARISH NEWSLETTER

		A WARM WELCOME TO WORSHIP	Mass/Prayer Intention
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	Mass – Musselburgh Rosary and Benediction Service– Tranent (Put on this week to give space at FHC) Mass– Musselburgh	Neil Igoe RIP  Gerald Bellew AV
	5.30pm 6.00pm		
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mass – Musselburgh	Daniel Reynolds AV Staff & Pupils St Martin's PS Frank Dawson RIP
	10.00am	Mass - Tranent      First Holy Communion	
	11.30am	Mass– Musselburgh	
	11.30am	Service Tranent (Put on this week to give space at FHC)	
Monday		No Mass	
Tuesday		No Mass	
Wednesday		No Mass	
Thursday		No Mass	
Friday		No Mass	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		Pro Populo Bridget Combe AV  Denis Dowds RIP Holy Souls Lucy Toal RIP
	4.30pm	Confessions	
	5.00pm	Mass – Tranent	
	6.00pm	Mass – Musselburgh	
	6.45pm	Confessions	
	9.00am	Mass – Musselburgh	
	10.00am	Mass– Tranent	
	11.30am	Mass – Musselburgh	

*Funding for clergy retirement is the single biggest financial challenge facing our Archdiocese.*

**This weekend Second Collection towards our parish contribution to the Retired Priests Fund**

## COP26? No idea what you're talking about!

*You may have heard of the big annual climate conference COP26 happening in Glasgow in early November and wondered what it was about. You may even have heard that the Pope is planning to attend. COP is shorthand for Conference of the Parties, i.e. a conference of governments of nearly 200 member states of the United Nations who have signed up to a Framework for dealing with Climate Change. This is the 26<sup>th</sup> annual meeting (and so is called COP26) and it is a particularly important one because the planet is in a worse state than expected and current plans to deal with that are not nearly strong enough.*

Sign up to the Newsletter by email. Drop me a note to

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**The deadline for Newsletter Items is Wednesdays**

## Parish Sunday Timetable

**From 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Tranent	4.30 Confessions
	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Musselburgh	6.00pm Vigil Mass
	6.45 Confessions
	9.00am Mass
Tranent	10.00am Mass
Musselburgh	11.30am Mass

### Baptisms

**Still individual family groups**

Musselburgh & Tranent      2.00pm  
**Request Forms available from the sacristy**



**Thanks  
for Your  
Support!**

Collection	£372.67
Candles	£ 29.30
Caritas	£ 63.03
Stall	£ 40.00
Charity Bingo	£200.00

## Children's Liturgy

Begins again on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October with a family Mass celebrating Harvest. To keep everyone safe the team are aiming to follow the regulations followed by our Primary School. CL will be in the main hall.

## Readers Next Sunday

6.00pm Michael Combe  
 9.00am Darius Ruminas  
 11.30am Rafal Piskorski & Tricia Nicolson

**Choir Practice** - Wednesday 7.00pm in Church

New members welcome – speak to Andrew after 11.30 Mass

**YouTube:** Mass in both parishes continues to be made available through YouTube. We aim, where possible, to make this the principal Sunday Mass in each parish, that is 10.00 and 11.30

***Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael - YouTube***

## Restrictions still in place

- \* Registration for test and protect will continue.
- \* Face Covering must still be worn.
- \* Hands should be sanitised before and after Mass.
- \* Ventilation continues to be a priority
- \* Social distance is no longer required however, please continue to respect distances where possible.
- \* Holy Communion remains in one kind only and on the hand. Sanitising the Hall & Church remains if less frequent.

**Let's be sensible! Please leave by both doors, avoid bunching and move away from the doors to have a chat in the garden. Please give each other space!**

**Hall Hire** Our parish halls are slowly opening to organised groups, who can provide the appropriate risk assessment for their activity. The group leaders are responsible for Covid safety etc.

Our halls are not yet open to private hire for parties etc. This simply because we cannot manage Track and Trace, Hygiene etc. As we do not have any paid Hall Keeper in attendance this is unlikely to change in the near future. As I keep saying, if a local bar of club gets it wrong then that may make a footnote in the papers. If the Catholic Church gets it wrong, then banner headlines not to mention the hefty fines imposed unless we have demonstrated due caution and clear Covid management.

I know some of you find this frustrating and want just to drop all restrictions but there are others who genuinely feel things are opening up far too quickly. I try to steer a middle, prudent course and hope that you will be both understanding and supportive of this. Fr B

This coming week please call Deacon Gordon on  
**07423 698 999**

Fr Robert Taylor will be resident in Musselburgh from Saturday afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> September. He will conduct any funerals etc. That said, I am back on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> so available from then.



## SEASON OF CREATION

**Restoring Our Common Home**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**3.00 – 5.00pm on Zoom**

*The human face of the climate emergency*

**A Call to Action**

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 4.00pm**

Creation Prayers/Cop 26

**Please pray for the sick:** June Fleming, Anne Marie Bevan, Colin Wills, The Graham Family, Jane Fairnie, Natalie Archibald, Edward Brown, Margaret Rodgers, Archie Herkes, Hugh Scott, Albert A Binnie, Alice Najafian, James Valley, Jennifer Ross, Jamie Mitchell, Ann Dixon, Cathleen Young, Jimmy Windram, May McGhee, Eileen Boyle. **Anniversaries** Sally McKenna, Daniel Gray, Danny Reynolds Peggy Gorman, Robert Chapman, Eolanda Paganuzzi, Gerry Loftus, Sally Kelly.

## Harvest Thanksgiving – One more step back to normal.

Over the last few years we have celebrated Harvest by decorating the church with fruit, flowers and vegetables and donating dried and tinned goods to the Food Bank. Time to take up where we left off in 2019! So - Harvest will be celebrated on the Weekend 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of October with a Family Mass.



My warmest thanks to those ministers of Holy Communion who have indicated that after many years of serving in this ministry they think it time to retire. God will honour you for your dedication and I ask his blessing on you at this time.

I shall, therefore, be looking to recruit, train and then institute new Ministers to serve in this role. This might be the time for you to step forward.

## First Holy Communion

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1.00pm**

Maximum 10 people accompanying each child. Other factors: Registration required, face coverings worn and hands sanitised. Afterwards families please sanitise their bench etc.

## Synodality!

Sometimes old words find new prominence in the life of the Church. So, it is with the old word Synod normally a gathering of bishops. In October 2023 the Holy Father has called such a synod where bishops will gather with him to discuss how we form Church. Synodality is therefore the theme.

"Synodality," literally means "walking together," and encompasses communion, participation, and mission. Papal biographer, Austen Ivereigh, defines synodality as "a method and process of discussion and participation in which the whole people of God can listen to the Holy Spirit and take part in the life and mission of the Church.". There is more to come...



**£200.00**

*Raised for charity last week.*

**Next Bingo**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**Door Open 6.30pm**

*NB. Numbers remain restricted*

**About Becoming Catholic** – The journey begins on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November for those who wish to find out more about the Catholic Faith. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please speak to them, and ask them to get in touch with Fr Basil