

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MARCH		WELCOME TO HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS
Sat23rd	10.00am	Mass - Musselburgh Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions PALM SUNDAY	Shona Easton RIP
	4.15pm	Mass - St Anne's Chapel	Pro Populo
	5.15pm	Confessions – Musselburgh	
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass – Musselburgh	Joan Brooks RIP
Sun 24 th	9.00am	Confessions - Tranent	
	9.30am	Mass - Tranent	Hugh Innes AV
	11.00am	Mass – Musselburgh	Maria, Rose & Sheena RIP
Mon		No Mass	
Tue		No Mass	
	7.00pm	Chrism Mass St Mary's Cathedral	
Wed	10.00am	Mass- Musselburgh	Sandy Ferguson RIP
	7.00pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross	
		THE SACRED TRIDUUM MAUNDY THURSDAY	
	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper – Tranent	Helen Kennie RIP
	9.00pm	Night Prayer	
	9.45pm	Night Prayer - Musselburgh	
		GOOD FRIDAY	
	3.00pm 7.00pm	Passion Liturgy Tranent and Musselburgh Stations of the Cross – Tranent and Musselburgh	
Saturday30th		HOLY SATURDAY	
	11.00am 8.00pm	Polish Food Blessing Easter Vigil Mass – Musselburgh	Margaret O'Mara AV
Sunday 31st		EASTER SUNDAY	
	8.00am	MCT Easter Harbour Service	
	9.30am	Mass of Easter Day Tranent	James and Ina McCran AV
	11.00am 11.00am	Baptism Tranent – Gia Margiotta - Diggall Mass of Easter day Musselburgh	Aaron Higgs AV



HOLY WEEK ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAY
7.00PM

**PASSOVER SEDER MEAL
THIS SUNDAY 6.00PM
CHURCH GARDEN**

Everyone comments about beautiful the front garden of the church looks in the height of summer when the roses are in blume! But that is a testimony of hours of work from a small team of dedicated gardeners on a Wednesday morning. That team needs your help...

As spring approaches please consider getting in touch with Dick Crabb or garden's co-ordinator on **07708 343 195**

Ecumenical **Taizé** Service

Sunday 24th March at 4.30pm
St Andrew's High. Millhill,
Everyone welcome.

**Gift Aid
Envelopes
for 2024/2025
Now Available**

Please pray for the sick: June Fleming, Anne Marie Bevan, Colin Wills, The Graham Family, Natalie Archibald, Edward Brown, Margaret Rodgers, Archie Herkes, Hugh Scott, Alice Najafian, James Valley, Jamie Mitchell, Ann Dixon, Cathleen Young, Eileen Boyle, Frank Costello, Anna Flunkert, Cath Porteous, Elizabeth Archibald, James Curnyn, Winifred Loftus, Jeanette Stewart.
Anniversaries: Nora Grehan, Caryle Hughes, Rose Dowds, Kathryn Farrell, Andrew Moffat, Helen Archibald, Aaron Higgs, Mairead Innes, Caryle Hughes

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Holy Week Webinar Join Monsignor Patrick Burke, from St Mary's Cathedral, to meditate on the Passion of Christ as written in the Gospel of St John. This Zoom event takes place at **6:00pm on Palm Sunday (24 March)** on Zoom. The event is a good way to start Holy Week in a spirit of reflection and to discover insights into Christ's Passion. Register at bit.ly/passionevent2024.

Funding support to Study Theology The Archdiocese can confirm that SAAS funding is available from April for all Scottish students taking the MA in Applied Catholic Theology course 2024/25. The course is offered by St Mary's University in partnership with the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. To register/enquire visit

www.stmarys.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/applied-catholic-theology. A webinar will be hosted by the Archdiocese on **Wednesday 29 May (6-7pm)** for prospective students. Details to follow shortly.

Conversion Practices: The Scottish Government is consulting on a proposal to end 'conversion practices' in Scotland. The Catholic Church unequivocally condemns violent, abusive, coercive practices. The proposals, however, risk criminalising the mainstream pastoral work of churches and parental guidance given lovingly and in good faith. Respond to the consultation using the guidance at <https://bit.ly/guidancescot>. The closing date for responses is Tuesday 2 April.

Mass with African & Caribbean community The monthly Mass for the African & Caribbean community takes place at St Cuthbert's, 104 Slateford Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1PT, on Sunday 7 April at 2pm. All welcome.

WAYS OF PRAYING

Thanks to all who attended and led our ways of praying over the last five Wednesdays.

It was great to have so many people attend and be willing to share faith and try different ways of praying, connecting with God and each other.

While that's our last session for now we're hoping to offer more opportunities after Easter.

If you would be interested in finding out more, or possibly leading a session yourself,

Please speak to Miriam or Sheena

While that's our Wednesday sessions over, if you'd like to try another way to pray don't forget **the Ecumenical Harbour Service at Fisherrow on Easter Sunday at 8am, praying with other churches, and outside in nature!**

Preparing the Church for Easter

9.00am Saturday 30th

We need a good number of people to help set up and prepare the Church for Easter. The idea is that with enough people we will be done in an hour.

Thank You FOR GIVING GENEROUSLY SUNDAY 17TH MARCH

Weekly Collection	£463.84
Candles	£35.21
Caritas	£75.10
Building Fund	£50.00
SCIAF Boxes	£35.83

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEK

Good Friday

Readers - Eoin and Anne Vidler

Passion - John Lally (narrator), Gill Barber (O) Mark Roberts (C)

Communion - Miriam McHardy and Julie Roberts

Easter Vigil

Readers - Vanessa Wightman, Mark Roberts, Beth McFarlane and Zuzia Stewart

Communion - Julie Roberts, Tricia Nicolson and John Sherry

Easter Sunday

Readers: Cathy Flynn, Mary McBride

Communion : H. Robertson, S. D'Amico, S. Tchamdjou, J McLean.

Teas: - No teas next weekend

Cleaning: Tricia & Eric

Supporting Building Repairs and Upgrade



Anyone wishing to contribute to the Building Fund can do so either by putting a donation into an envelope (remember to let us know who you are if you Gift Aid) or by making a donation directly into the Bank indicating Building Fund.

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New Lighting in the Hall

My thanks to Artur and Adam Ciolek along with Rafal Piskorski for, acquiring, sourcing and fitting the new LED lighting in our main hall. This has saved the parish well over £3,000 and provided us with lighting which is considerably cheaper to run. All music to my ears! Fr B