

ST MARTIN OF TOURS TRANENT

| | The Easter Season | Mass Intentions |
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| Sat 25 th April | The Third Sunday of Easter | Frank Gray AV |
| Sunday | Mass Tranent Mass | Margaret Enwood and Pro Populo Paul and Nancy Johnston AV |
| Monday | No Mass | |
| Tuesday | Mass - Tranent | John O'Keefe RIP |
| Wednesday | Mass – St Catherine of Siena | Mary McLean RIP |
| Thursday | Mass - Tranent | Patricia Montgomery RIP |
| Friday 1 st May | Mass – St Joseph the Worker | Delia McCluskey RIP |
| Saturday | The Fourth Sunday of Easter | |
| | Mass | Ann Gillan RIP |
| Sun 3 rd May | Mass Tranent Mass | The Sick and Housebound. Lackie, Ella & Sandy McNeil AV |

Please remember to pray for the sick: For those with Covid 19, and Ger and Moira, Eddie O'Connor.
For the duration of this emergency an email will suffice if you wish someone added to this list.

Recently Deceased: Patricia Montgomery: May she rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

It looks as if we are in this for the long haul – months and not weeks. Who knows what we will face at the end of it all? Whatever there will be no quick fix and virtues such as patience and fortitude will need to be asked for and practiced. I would encourage you to join us at Mass on YouTube: either in Tranent at 9.30am or Musselburgh at 11.30am. I also urge you to join in prayer at 7.00pm on Sunday evenings – even if only for 10 minutes you would be joining thousands across the UK praying at that time. I quote from the Churches Together in England Website:

'At 7pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. ... We have the great privilege and freedom to be able to call upon God, wherever we are, individually and corporately, for healing in our nation. We would pray for all in leadership at this time, making decisions about the containment of the COVID-19 virus, for those working in health and social care, and especially for the most vulnerable, whether elderly or those with underlying health conditions.

There are already stories being told of wonderful acts of kindness across neighbourhoods. Alongside your prayers, take the opportunity to telephone or email someone who is isolated, buy some additional food for your local foodbank, or offer to deliver shopping for an elderly neighbour. We may not be able to touch physically, but we can make connections in so many other ways.

I will post a short prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament at 7.00pm this Sunday. We will continue to post Sunday Mass, but other forms of prayer and meditation can be led by people in the congregations. For those of have Zoom or other online group facilities this can be done together. There currently is a Rosary on a Thursday at 2pm, but maybe another group could be set up? Why not consider it? I mention below Lectio Divina a form of meditative Bible reading which can be done together, or a rosary group or a simple prayer group. You will hear more of this in the coming weeks.

With regard to the Sacrament of Holy Communion which some of our children would have been celebrating on 24th May, at least 2 months' notice will be given if this is allowed to go ahead this year although it may well be it won't be celebrated until sometime in 2021.

With every blessing for your health and wellbeing.

The Good Shepherd

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday - a day set aside to pray for vocations. More than ever we need to know what God is calling us too, what our role is in the Church and the World. However, we still need religious sisters and brothers, deacons and priests – shepherds to guide Christ's flock.

*O God,
Who wish all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Your truth:
send, we pray, laborers into Your harvest,
and grant them grace to speak Your word with all boldness;
so that Your word may spread and be glorified,
and all nations may know You, the only God,
and Him Whom You have sent,
Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord,
Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.*

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Thanks to those who have dropped off SCIAF Wee Boxes over the last few days. The Church will be open 12 – 12.30pm on Saturday for this purpose.

Fa'side Kitchen

Please drop off bags of food/toiletries Mon-Sat 11am-1pm at the Church Hall. More than ever we need to support the poorest in our community.

Picking up and delivering the newsletter

We are now into the 5th week of lock down and I want to ensure that we stay in touch with everyone in our community. I know some of you have been printing off newsletters and that others do not have this facility. I wonder if you would be willing from next Saturday to pick up Newsletters and deliver them to people in your neighbourhood. The Church will be opened between 12 – 12.30pm to collect them. If you can email smartintranet@gmail.com or put a message on the Parish Virtual WhatsApp page of how many you would need, we can have them ready for you. This as part of your daily exercise! Fr Basil.

Contributing to the Parish through Standing Order.

Again, this week more of you have changed over to supporting the parish using Standing Orders. Given that our income has gone down by 80% for that I am enormously grateful. Interested? Please email me or text me **07732694230** or phone me on 0131 665 2137 for bank details.

Our thanks once again to those who put collection envelopes through our door. We cannot thank you enough.

Broadcasts other than Sunday Masses

Mass for the Sick at 10.00am

Saturday 3rd May Musselburgh
Tuesday 12th May
Tranent

Rosary Devotions at 7.00pm

Wednesday 6th May Tranent
13th May
Musselburgh
20th May Tranent
27th May
Musselburgh

Solemnity of the Ascension

Thursday 21st May

Mass 9.15am Musselburgh

Mass 11.00am Tranent

Prayer Intentions: Please pray for the residents of Crookston Care Home, Tranent Nursing Home and Tynholm Stables Nursing Home Pencaitland.

Keeping in Contact - Sustaining Community

Newsletter - If appropriate print a newsletter off and give it to any parishioner,

St Martin's Whatsapp Group enter through

Facebook/ St Martin's Tranent

Telephone. 0773 2694230 or 0131 665 2137

Help me to expand my email contact list. If you speak to friends, ask them to get in touch by emailing basilijclark@msn.com

Homily Notes: The search for happiness:

What we now know for certain is that if you love somebody, what you long for more than anything else is that person's presence with you. Photos are a comfort. Telephone calls, emails and texts are nice. Letters are good. Skype and FaceTime are great ways to communicate. Yet nothing can compare to actually spending time with them in person. That's why this is a time of bereavement.

What our first parents lost through sin was not simply paradise but the presence of God. Even more than possessing the law, the distinguishing feature of Israel was God's presence with them. The temple was not primarily a place of sacrifice but a place of God's presence. Sin is a disaster because it not only isolates us from God and from one another, but it alienates us. That is even when presence is possible, we are uneasy and at worst hostile.

We are made to know God, just as we are known by him. The best way to know God, just as it is the best way to know another person, is to love him and let him love us. The path of Life is found by making ourselves available to this love. This Sunday's psalm: 'You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right-hand happiness for ever.' Note also that the psalmist associates God's loving presence with life, joy and happiness.

As Catholic's we will speak of God's real and substantial presence in the Eucharist above all in the Blessed Sacrament, the Lord is 'recognised in the breaking of bread'. However, the Lord is also present in the Scriptures. He is still able to address our lives; our hearts are still able to 'burn' as we listen to his voice as we travel along the road. For that to happen we personally need to engage in prayer, we need to ask the Risen Lord to open our minds and hearts to his word.

*As you get a chance read though today's scripture passages, ask the Lord to be present to you and let him lead you on the path of life. To you help you in this prayerful reading of the Scriptures I have attached a sheet entitled *Lectio Divina*. The paper speaks for itself but could also form the basis for a bible study/prayer group over Zoom.*

Fr Basil.