

# ST MARTIN OF TOURS TRANENT



|                            | <b>HOLY WEEK</b>   | Mass Intentions                                 |
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| Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> April  | <b>Passion Sunday</b>  | Nora Grehan & Maureen Rodzik AV                 |
| Sunday                     | Mass Tranent<br>Mass   | The people of the Parish<br>Julia Macdonald RIP |
| Monday                     | Mass   | Veronica (Lynch) McIvor RIP                     |
| Tuesday                    | Mass   | John Martin RIP                                 |
| Wednesday                  | Mass   | Andrew Moffat AV                                |
| Thursday                   | <b>Holy Thursday</b>   | Derek Halliday RIP                              |
| Friday                     | <b>Good Friday</b><br>Burial Service Inveresk - Anthony Pelosi RIP |   |
| Saturday                   | Vigil<br><b>Easter</b>   | Margaret Wagenbichler AV                        |
| Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> April | Mass Tranent<br>Mass   | Jim Davie AV<br>Donato Crolla RIP               |

### The Sound of Silence

Along with many other parts of the world, we face the greatest health challenge since the influenza pandemic of 1918 – 1919. In a time of great fear, when our first instinct is to draw closer together for support and comfort, we are required to isolate ourselves. The common good is best served by spending time alone.

The obvious temptation is to now spend our time surrounded by noise in all the various ways the media brings it to us: Within that I include 'visual noise'. Anything to help us avoid silence. Yet if we are brave enough to listen in the silence then other voices, gentler sounds will make it through. Who knows even the awesome sound of God's tentative murmur might be heard? Even more terrifying, perhaps the voice of our own spirit, with all her joys and apprehensions, might have a chance to speak? If so then that is prayer, heart speaking to heart, our essential or fundamental Self in communion with the source, ground and completion of all things.

Because the Christian is never alone, we are always in God's presence, God standing at the door of our lives waiting for an invitation to enter. Give silence an opportunity to work it's wonder, go into that quiet place to commune with God who comes close to us with a mother's tenderness: "Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I who took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them." Hosea 11:3,4

### Contributing to the Parish through Standing Order.

My thanks to those who, in this last week, changed over to supporting the parish using Standing Orders. If you are interested in doing this, then email me or text me on **07732694230** or phone me on 0131 665 2137 for bank details.

As you see above each day, we continue to say Mass for you and your intentions. Fr Hugh and I say mass together each day so You will see, overleaf, that I have added further intercessions to each mass. If there is someone you want prayed for at Mass, simply let us know. Fr B

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**Please remember to pray for the sick:** For those with Covid 19  
For the duration of this emergency an email will suffice if you wish someone added to this list.

**Recently Deceased:** David Thomson. *May he rest in peace.*

## Second Mass Intentions This Week

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| Monday:      | Our Lady of Loretto PS       |
| Tuesday:     | St Martin's PS               |
| Wednesday:   | St David's HS                |
| Thursday     | Ross High                    |
| Friday:      | No Mass                      |
| Saturday AM  | The Bereaved                 |
| Saturday PM  | The People of<br>Musselburgh |
| Sunday 9.30  | The People of Tranent        |
| Sunday 11.00 | NHS Staff & Patients         |

## Churches in Scotland are joining together in prayer

"As we continue to live through this time of trial, we sense an ever-renewed Call to Prayer...We are not alone in hearing this call. Rather, it is a Call being heard and responded to across the nations of our island and across the nations of our world. This being so, we invite you to pray in solidarity with others at 7pm on Sunday 5th April, which is Palm Sunday. On Sunday at 7.00pm I will expose the Blessed Sacrament and spend 30 minutes with Lord ending this prayer time with: **A prayer for this time** which can be found on the third sheet of this letter.

## Mass from Our Lady of Loretto and St Michael

Well we bit the bullet and stepping well outside my comfort zone we recorded and posted Mass for Friday of this last week. My thanks to those who have been generous in their comments. We will post Sunday Mass from both parishes: Musselburgh from this Sunday and **Tranent from Easter Sunday**. My thanks to Darius who helped with technical assistance. We will, I hope, get more proficient and confident as the weeks go on.

## BIDDING PRAYERS

Let us bring our prayer to God, our strength, who makes haste to help us.

1. For the Church of God throughout the world, that Christians everywhere may mark Holy Week in their homes, with faith and devotion . Lord, hear us.
2. For our community, that even as we stay apart, we may mind each other and pray for each other. Lord, hear us.
3. For those who work on the frontline of healthcare, that they may be preserved safe from every danger. Lord, hear us.
4. For those who are sick or anxious because of COVID-19, that God comfort and heal them. Lord, hear us.
5. For people bored and lonely at home, that they may have God's gift of courage. Lord, hear us.
6. For those who are homeless these days, and for refugees, that God may be close to them. Lord, hear us.

**Pray for the dead:** For all those who gone before us in faith especially David Thomson that they may journey through the valley of death to resurrection (*pause for reflection*). Lord, hear us.

**Conclusion** God of compassion, in the death and resurrection of Jesus you show your love for us: hear our petitions, and grant them, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ● Keeping in Contact - Sustaining Community

- **Newsletter** - If appropriate print a newsletter off and give it to any parishioner, you are still able to visit.
- **St Martin's Whatsapp Group** enter through
- **Facebook/ St Martin's Tranent or link**
- **Telephone.** 07732694230 or 01316652137
- Help me to expand my email contact list. If you speak to friends, ask them to get in touch by emailing

[stmartintranent@gmail.com](mailto:stmartintranent@gmail.com)

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**At 7.00pm this Sunday please join with me and other Christians throughout the United Kingdom in a time of prayer and reflection**

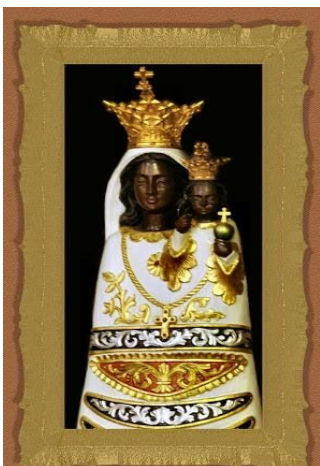
## **A prayer for this time**

Living God, for the precious gift of life that you have given to us,  
We give you thanks.  
For the enduring presence of your love in this world,  
We give you thanks.  
For the knowledge that you are with us at the close of the day,  
We give you thanks.  
On this day, we hear the Gospel words that speak of hope,  
We hear the cry: Hosanna!  
We hear the Gospel words that speak of promise,  
We hear the cry: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!  
On this day, we journey in hope as we trust in your promise.  
Lord, as we journey into the Holy Week to come,  
We are conscious that we share in the life of the world.  
We are conscious of the presence of those who are near to us,  
And of those from whom we are apart.  
Whether near, or far, embrace us all in your love.  
Lord, we are conscious of others,  
Whose life and work is woven into the fabric of our society,  
And upon whom we now depend.  
We pray for them:  
For delivery drivers and posties,  
For refuse collectors and cleaners,  
For police officers and care workers,  
Protect them and keep them safe.  
For nurses and doctors,  
For scientists and surgeons,  
For midwives and ambulance drivers,  
Protect them and watch over them.  
For those who govern on our behalf,  
For those who make decisions that impact upon us all,  
For all who shape our common life,  
Protect them and increase their wisdom and understanding.  
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
And grant us faith to journey into the week to come,  
Assured of the presence of the crucified and risen Lord,  
Jesus Christ. Amen."



## **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in  
the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my  
soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already  
there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me  
to be separated from You.  
Amen.



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.  
You, Mother of the Christian People, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every  
danger,

O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.