

South Edinburgh Cluster

The faith communities of St John Vianney's, St Gregory's and St Catherine's
Journeying from maintenance to mission

Cluster News – 13/14 April 2024

(Third Sunday of Easter Year B)

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Weekday Mass times this coming week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
No service	<i>Fr Alex Day Off</i>	SG 9.30 am	SC 9.30am	SG 9.30 am

Next Weekend Mass times:

St Gregory's

Saturday

6.00pm

St John Vianney's

Sunday (with baptisms)

9.30am (**in St Gregory's**)

St Catherine's

Sunday

11.00am

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Unlike last week's gospel, Luke's account shows the disciples going through very mixed emotions, struggling to take in the reality of the Risen Jesus - alarm, fright, disbelief, doubt, joy, silence. As such, it couldn't be more relevant to our day when so many around us aren't quite sure what to make of Jesus and faith. Jesus first shows the disciples his hands and his feet, asks them to touch him. Only then does he explain the scriptures and finally send them as witnesses. Perhaps Jesus is offering us a blueprint of how to be missionary disciples? First and foremost, we are the hands, feet and body of Jesus, to bring kindness, compassion and solidarity to others. If they become curious, could we go a step further, gently share what Jesus means to us, and invite them to explore for themselves? Why not invite them to the Alpha Course, run by our very able Team? Wishing you all a joy-filled Easter season,

Fr Alex

Alpha Update

Please note that Alpha will now resume in September instead of April. This is due to a number of reasons including the fact that Alpha now seems to have reached the majority of parishioners within the cluster. The team plan to use this time to discern how Alpha can best assist ongoing adult formation and Divine Renovation. Further details on the next course will be posted nearer the time.

Monthly Prayer Group

Our monthly prayer group resumes on Thursday 25th April, 7.30pm in St Catherine's church. Following on from the recent course we will be looking at how Lectio Divina or sacred reading can aid our prayer. Around 20 people attended the course and it was an inspiring experience. If you would like to find out more about this ancient practice we would love to see you there.

Taizé Prayer

Wed 17 April @ 7pm Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh EH1 2QQ. Prayer for unity and peace with a brother of the international ecumenical Taizé Community in France. Song practice from 6pm. For more information email Janet Spence chaplain@cathedral.net

Cluster Walking Group: 27 April

Our next walk will be on **Saturday 27 April**. We will walk along the River Forth / **John Muir Way** from **Portobello** (Kings Road) to **Prestonpans** (High Street @ Prestonpans West Churchyard). It is a relatively flat walk of around 6.5 miles, with a good path. The walk should take between 2.5 and 3 hours. For those who would prefer a shorter walk, there are lots of exit points along the route - Fisherrow Harbour 2½m; Goose Green 3½m; Morrisons Haven 5½m.

We are not sure if the bus route disruption around Cameron Toll will be ongoing come 27 April, so we suggest that the best plan is for everyone to **meet at the Kings Road, Portobello, bus stop at 10.30am**.

You are very welcome to join us, regardless of whether or not you have walked with us before. If you have any questions, or need any further information, please email southedclust@btinternet.com.

Mary's Meals, who provide school meals to over 2.4 million children every day, invite you to join their Pray in May campaign. During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on our life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty.

We pray particularly for families facing extreme food insecurity and hunger in Ethiopia. We are hosting a special online session where our founder Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow will share more about this under-reported crisis on **Tuesday the 16th of April at 7pm**, find out more at [Charity events | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](https://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

Please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk to access our Pray in May resources and find out more about our Crisis in Ethiopia appeal.

Currently needed

Mayonnaise, tomato ketchup, tinned sweetcorn, jam, Mac'n'Cheese packets, fruit juice, rice pudding, crisps, washing-up liquid.

Normal opening hours for the Food Bank are **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am to 1.30 pm**. The relevant food bank for the Cluster



is: 47 Southhouse Broadway EH17 8AS. Phone number 664 9353; Email: edinburghfoodbank@blythswood.org

Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota

St Catherine's - Group 3 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's - Group 2 (week commencing 15th April).

Hall Hire

Contact details to hire our cluster halls in St Catherine's and St Gregory's, please follow this link www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/booking-halls

The terms of hire for St Gregory's Hall is a £50 deposit and £20 per hour thereafter.

Following the hire the deposit will be returned unless there has been damage, breakages or the hall was not left as it was found.

Sacramental Preparation St Gregory/St John Vianney

Parent and carers of the children receiving sacramental preparation in St Gregory's/ St John Vianney's are reminded that the next session will be on

*** Sat 20 April at the 6pm St Gregory's Mass**

We look forward to welcoming back the children and their families to continue their journey of faith with their sacramental preparation. Thank you to those parishioners who have agreed to be **prayer partners** to the children - prayer is a very important part of their journey.

Fundraising disco

As a fundraiser to help pay for the extensive roof repairs to St Catherine's Church and church hall, we will have a Disco in The Miner's Institute, Newtoft Street on Fri 17 May 7pm to 12 midnight. Tickets are £10 which includes a buffet. Tickets available from Maureen Phillips.

Faith in Action



Are you struggling? We are here to help.

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of financial support or a friendly telephone chat, call our SSVP in the Cluster:

St John Vianney's 07922 675196, St Gregory's 07455 306607, St Catherine's 07539 266411.

If you would like to make a donation you can do so using the SSVP Collection Box at the back of the church.

Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment and oppose abortion up to birth

Join the Catholic Bishops in supporting an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks, and opposing an amendment that would introduce abortion up to birth. These amendments may be voted on in the next few weeks.

Take action: Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of the 22-week amendment. To oppose the abortion up to birth amendment, email your MP via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/johnsonabortionamendment

You are held in prayer



Those who are unwell and in need of our prayers:
Please remember in your prayers:

Elaine Houlston, William Young, Michelle Falconer, Eileen Black, Mark McCann (Vincent's brother), Jennifer Lackie, Maureen Christie, Michael and James McKeen, Sr Clare Wilson, Sr Rosemary Bayne, James Nolan, David

Harvey, Jenny Thomasi, Tommy Fallon, Gayle, Alejandra Porres, Marco Fidel Porras. David Cole, Mathew Andrades, Dot Adams, Patricia Simmons, Derek & Fiona O'Farrell, Kate Selby, Maureen Love, David Spence, Rachel (Lynn's daughter), Ronnie Libang, Cath (Mary Thomson's sister), Michael Rodrigues, Andrew Muldoon, Angela Khan, Jack Laing, Bruno, Catherine, Melissa Longmore, Gerrard Salvona, Jeanette Mulgrew, Andrzej Patyna, Hannah McGinley, Michael Bell, Margaret Adams, Bridie Addison, Tracey, Valerie Anderson, Maria Lucaci, Zoila Melgarejo, Susie Hay, Rose and Richard Ross, Camilo Rodriguez, Edison Villabona, Gloria Camargo, Anne-Marie Davie, Joe McConnell, Patrick Phelan, Ellen Salvona, Rudy Deras, Mary, Verdiana Kweka, Alex McGinnity, Sr Veronica, John, Jennifer, Maureen Lawson, Catherine Hart, John Skinner, Fr. Eugen, James Duffy, Ronan Boyle, Mary Dias, Catriona McAuley, Marie, Roney Fernandes, Christopher Browne, Xaverina Rodrigues, Anne and Helen, Sacred Heart sisters in Uganda

We remember in love

William Young, Sr Margaret Service (Kate Selby's sister), Fr Andrew Monaghan, Kathleen Coyle, Peter Simmons, Jean Lugton, Jan Newton and Paddy Brock.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Teresa Printie Margaret Spence, Elizabeth Taylor, Anthony J Stewart, Sonya Rutherford, Isobel Feeney, Frank Smith, Patrick Curran, Owen Ferry, Mary Gavan, Richard Scott, Elizabeth Parker, Irene Stewart, Margaret Wales White, Ida Peat, William Ogilvie, Michael Stanton, Higanout Hamandgrain, Thomas Hanlon, Constance Lennon, Nellie Christie, Sr Mary Steedman, Margaret Galloway, Janet Black.

