

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 –02/03 August 2025

(18th Sunday of the Year – C)

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Weekday Services this coming week

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 4 th | 5 th | 6 th | 7 th | 8 th |
| SG – 9.30am SC – 12 noon Funeral Mass Janet Cuthill | No mass | SG – 9.30am | SG – 9.30am | SC – 10am Funeral Mass Kate Selby |

Next Weekend Mass times:

St Gregory's

Saturday

6pm

St John Vianney

Sunday

9.30am (in St Gregory's)

St Catherine's

Sunday

11.00am

Please note that the Prayer Resources will take a break over the summer.

Fr Alex Update

You will be aware that during Fr Alex' recent illness, a small group – The Link Group - was established to do 3 things:

Firstly, to simplify matters for those who engaged with the Cluster, particularly the Archdiocese and those priests who served us, but also others such as funeral directors and our schools.

Secondly to maintain communication with parishioners on what was happening and thirdly to provide Fr Alex with the necessary reassurance that he need only focus on his recovery, as other matters were being taken care of.

We are delighted to have Fr Alex back to health and are happy to advise that the Link Group has now been stood down. That means we revert back to normal ways of working in line with what we did before Fr Alex became unwell, most of which you can find in the newsletter and on the website.

Thank you for your support and patience over this period.

Welcome to Fr Mike

Fr Mike will celebrate our 11.00 mass at St Catherine's this weekend.

Congratulations to Theresa Muldoon

Theresa, one of our Cluster parishioners, has been made a **Papal Dame** in recognition of her service and dedication to the Archdiocese for over 40 years. She received the insignia of St Gregory the Great at St Bennet's in Edinburgh (the Archbishop's residence) on Saturday, where she works as housekeeper.

Presenting the award to Theresa, Archbishop Cushley said: "Theresa's presence at St Bennet's over four decades has been a source of strength, support and service to all who have passed through these doors, including Pope Benedict. Her service has been invaluable, and I am very grateful for all she continues to give."

The Pontifical Equestrian Order of St Gregory the Great was established by Pope Gregory XVI in 1831. It is one of five categories of papal knighthood of the Holy See, in which recipients are made either knights or dames.

Upcoming Funerals

Janet Cuthill – Monday 4 August 2025, Funeral Mass at 12noon in St Catherine's.

Kate Selby – Friday 8th August, Funeral Mass at 10.00am in St Catherine's.

Triple Celebration!

Sunday 3 August, Father's 29 Years of ordination, his 60th birthday and the **Feast of St John Vianney (4th August)** This will take place **straight after Mass on Sunday 3 August** and we hope as many of you as possible can attend.

Bingo Night ~ Monday 18 August

7-9pm in **St Catherine's Hall**. Bingo books £1 for one, £3 for three and £5 for six books. Refreshments are £1 tea/coffee and £1 if you want a piece of cake. All welcome!

Bereavement Services in August

The next service will be 9th August at St Gregory's. Candles are lit for family and friends of the Cluster who have died in the last month, or if there's an anniversary of a loved one, please say when you arrive. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. For more information, [email awaywiththeangels@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:awaywiththeangels@yahoo.co.uk) or phone her on **664 5581**.

Cluster Walking Group: August 2025

Our next walk will take place on Saturday 9 August 2025. It will be a circular walk around Mendick Hill, starting and finishing at West Linton Golf Club. We will not climb Mendick Hill but rather circle around it. It is a walk of approximately 8 miles, and we expect it to take 2¾-4 hours. Along the route there are decent paths and tracks, some a bit muddy and a short section on a public road. There are no drop-out points along the route. If you would like to bring a pack lunch with you, we can enjoy that somewhere along the route. Alternatively, there is a bar/hotel in West Linton that serves food. If you would like to

come, please meet at 09:45 at the Fairmilehead Crossroads bus stop (on Buckstone Terrace). We will take the 101A to West Linton at 09:54.

For the return journey home, we are aiming to get the bus from West Linton to Edinburgh shortly after 3pm. Everybody is welcome to join us, whether you have joined us for a walk before, or this is your first time. If you have any questions, please email southedclust@btinternet.com.

Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota

St Catherine's - Group 1 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's – Group 4 (week beginning 11/08).

Ladies' Guild

The cluster build meets Wednesday 5th August 7pm in St Catherine's Hall.

St Gregory's guild meets Tuesday 4th August 7pm in St Gregory's Hall.

From Archbishop's Ad Clerum

Faith in the Footlights: Tuesday 12 August at 7:30pm

Join renowned author Ian Bradley and the Cathedral's Schola Cantorum for a concert exploring the spiritual resonances of musical theatre. Professor Bradley will uncover the spiritual implications of much-loved musical shows, and the Schola Cantorum will bring the music to life! With music from The Sound of Music, South Pacific, Fiddler on the Roof, Phantom of the Opera, Les Misérables and more. Book here: <https://bit.ly/FaithFootlights>

Venerable Margaret Sinclair

The Centenary Pilgrimage to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair will take place on Sunday 21 September from 12:30-6:00pm at St Patrick's Church, Cowgate, Edinburgh, EH1 1NA. 12.30-1.30 Refreshments & sale of candles/goods; 1:30-2:30pm Holy Hour; 3:00-4:00pm Reflection; 4:30pm: Holy Mass concelebrated with Archbishop Leo. Confessions available all day.

National Pilgrimage to Carfin

The National Pilgrimage takes place at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 7 September at 3:00pm. Archbishop Leo will be the principal Celebrant and Preacher. On this day Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, will be canonised so it is an ideal day for the Scottish Catholics to come together to celebrate.

Are you a catechist?

Learn about events and resources and collaborate with the Archdiocesan Catechetics Commission by registering for the *catechist contact list*. Go to bit.ly/archcatechists. This is for anyone involved in teaching the faith - such as RCIA, Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion, Marriage prep, SPRED etc.

Save the date

A relic of Carlo Acutis, soon to be canonised by Pope Leo, visits the Archdiocese from 13-15 September 2025, by which time he will be a saint of the Church. Details to follow.

Study Catholic Theology in Edinburgh

Registration is now open for the MA in Applied Catholic Theology at St Mary's University Scottish campus in Edinburgh. Details at bit.ly/catholictheology. Watch the preview webinar on the YouTube channel of the Archdiocese. Queries: stephen.dolan@stmarys.ac.uk

Ignatian Spirituality Centre

Summer courses now available -

The ISC in Glasgow are running several courses over the Summer and beyond. It also offers pilgrimages Find out more by following this link <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/dop>

Currently needed

Toilet roll, custard, noodles, ketchup, mayo.

Thank you so much for your continued support! We really appreciate it.

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



You are held in prayer



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

Fr Alex, Fr Nick, Josie Young (McKeen), Teresa (sister of Maureen Henderson), Natalia, Paul Cronin, Berhane Shriker, Hilary Fernandes, Ethel Ferguson, Luke, Dorothy Jackson, Bekka and family, Geraldine Rodrigues, Vincent McCann, Sr

Rosemary Bayne, Linda Anderson, Kevin Theile, Damian Mulvenna, Irena Kaluza, Belta Fernandes (Christina Fernandes' aunt) and her daughter Ida, Catriona Darling, Ken McIntosh, Mary (Margo Pringle's niece), Stephen, Annabelle Colquhoun, John McConnell, Andrew Woodstock, Evelyn Welsh, Jacqui Phillips, Annette Sibbald, Paula Smith, Joe MacDonald, Victoria, Dylan Joseph, Pauline Aylott, Dave Lynch, Erin, Karin Rivero, Maria Eugenia Rodriguez (Karin's Mum), Anton, Wesley Winder, Bette Boyle, Alexis Spence, Michelle Falconer, Maureen Christie, Sr. Clare Wilson, James Nolan, David Harvey, Alejandra Porres, Marco Fidel Porras, David Cole, Patricia Simmons, Derek & Fiona O'Farrell, Maureen Love, David Spence, Ronnie Libang, Michael Rodrigues, Jack Laing, Bruno, Catherine, Melissa Longmore, Gerrard Salvona, Andrzej Patyna, Hannah McGinley, Michael Bell, Margaret Adams, Bridie Addison, Tracey, Valerie Anderson, Zoila Melgarejo, Susie Hay, Rose Ross, Camilo Rodriguez, Edison Villabona, Gloria Camargo, Anne-Marie Davie, Joe McConnell, Ellen Salvona, Rudy Deras, Mary, Verdiana Kweka, Sr. Veronica, John, Jennifer, Maureen Lawson, Catherine Hart, James Duffy, Ronan Boyle, Catriona McAuley, Marie, Roney Fernandes, Christopher Browne, Xaverina Rodrigues, Anne and Helen, Sacred Heart sisters in Uganda.

We remember in love

Kate Selby, Janet Cuthill, Michael Morgan, Michael Rodgers.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Benny Goodwin, Peter Clark Snr, Joan Quigley, James Muldoon, Mary Malone. Aneta Macaulay, Elizabeth Doherty, John Gallagher, Elizabeth Lennon, Margaret Kidd, Jean Morrison, Pam White, Peter Clark, Cissie Mulroy, Jane Meek Brown, Mary McCann, George C Stewart, Margaret Pryde, Matthew Bryson, Jane Catherine McMillan, Bruce Cormack.

May they rest in peace.