

## 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 – 11/12 October 2025

(28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C)

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### Cluster Team:

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### Cluster Administrator:

Carol Mulvenna: available on **Mondays and Friday mornings** (0131 563 8391 or [southedclust@btinternet.com](mailto:southedclust@btinternet.com))

### Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
No Mass	SG – 10.30am <b>Funeral Mass</b> <b>Bridget Bonnar</b>	No Mass	SG - 9.30am	SG – 0930am

### 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

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*In today's gospel it seems unbelievable that only one leper returned to Jesus. Whatever the reason, it is only the Samaritan who understood the gift that Jesus had bestowed. When Jesus tells the Samaritan that his faith has made him well, he is saying that the Samaritan has faith in Jesus, in his message. The Samaritan recognised that Jesus' message of compassion and love is revolutionary and that his life has been changed forever, because Jesus had cured him and touched his heart. [Adapted from this week's Prayer Resources]*

### RCIA: Rite of Acceptance and Welcome

During the 11am Mass at St Catherine's this Sunday, 12 October, our six RCIA Enquirers will participate in the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome. This is one of the milestones on the RCIA journey.

In this spirit of welcome, we will be having name badges in St Catherine's to coincide with welcoming our Enquirers. We would ask you all to please pray for Brannon, Brogan, Joseph, Kristof, Reuben and Susan as they take this next step on their faith journey.

## Missio

The month of October is dedicated in a special way to promoting and supporting the Church's missionary work. The annual collection for the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith (Missio) is on **Mission Sunday, 19 October**. There will be a special collection that day. If you are a taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid your donation, there will be forms available for you to sign.

## Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing)

If you have a **planned admission to hospital** and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing) before you go into hospital, please approach Fr Alex in the sacristy, before or after Mass. If you are **admitted to hospital** and would like to see a priest, please speak to the nurse in charge on your ward and he/she will arrange for one of the priests on the hospital chaplaincy team to visit you.

## New parishioners – registering with our parishes

A very warm welcome to our parishes! We are pleased that you have become part of our faith communities. If you would like to receive our weekly electronic newsletter and other important information throughout the year, we would ask you to consider registering with our parish communities. To do this click on this link to our website -

<https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/cluster-registration> - and complete and submit the *Parish Register Form*. If you don't have internet access, please ask one of the Welcome Team at Mass for a paper copy of the Registration Form. Please complete the form and return it to St Catherine's Parish House, 2 Captain's Row, Edinburgh, EH16 6QP, marked for the attention of the Cluster Administrator.

## Registering for preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation

As you will know, our parishes, families and schools work together each year to prepare our young people for the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Primary 3), First Communion (Primary 4), and Confirmation (Primary 7). Families whose children go to St Catherine's or St John Vianney's Primary Schools will be advised by the school regarding when the preparation programs are starting and what they will involve. If your child attends another primary school, you can register to have your child enrolled in the sacramental preparation program. To do this, please visit our website -

<https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/> - and you will find the links to First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation under the heading of **Sacraments**. Alternatively, use the following links to directly access the registration forms:

**First Reconciliation:** <https://forms.office.com/r/VcTnDdt05n>

**First Holy Communion:** <https://forms.office.com/r/7TDAzJRDDC>

**Confirmation:** <https://forms.office.com/r/pT92mHhcLC>

Please note that the deadline for registering is Friday 30 January 2026.

## October Novena

Every week during October there will be two opportunities to pray the Novena:

- \* Mondays @ **2pm** in **St Catherine's**.
- \* Tuesdays @ **7pm** in **St Gregory's**.

## SEECAT Pilgrimage

On Saturday 27th September, some pilgrims from the Seecat family gathered for the Season of Creation pilgrimage. The theme of the Season is Peace with Creation. We began at the Balmwell, a healing well dedicated to St Catherine, thought to date from 11th century and from there, we walked alongside the various burns in the area, through the Edmonstone estate and down to Bridgend Farmhouse which has a Peace Garden. The weather was kind and we shared stories,

laughs, food and songs along the way. At the garden we finished by reflecting on how God had spoken to us through His creation and we were led in prayer by Pat Thomas from the Eco-Circle. We thanked God for the diversity and beauty of His creation, asking that harmony and peace be restored to her and grateful for the bonds strengthened between us.

### Bethany Project

Since the Hub hotel closed for the homeless guests in May, the cluster team have been providing food and clothing from the Care Van to people who are living on the streets. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have continued to support this valuable work. This year the Hub will be based at ELS House, 555 Gorgie Road. EH11 3LE. The cluster team have been given the following dates for catering at the Hub: Thursday 30th October, 27<sup>th</sup> November and 18<sup>th</sup> December. New and experienced volunteers are very welcome to join our cluster team. Thanks again. Jane Watson  
Mobile: 07787184524

### Historic building survey of St John Vianney's

**Diana Sproat** from [AOC Archaeology Group](#) has written with regard to St John Vianney's being taken down in advance of new development later this year. Although the building is not listed, the City of Edinburgh of Council requires an **historic building survey of the church** and hall before this happens. Diana will undertake this on **Mon 13 Oct**. John Lawson, the City Archaeologist for the Council, has said that he would like public engagement.

If any of St John Vianney's congregation wish to be involved and want to have a chat about their memories of the building, this can be done either whilst Diana is doing the **survey on Mon 13 Oct, or at any other time if they wish to meet up**. She can be contacted [by email](#) -[Diana.Sproat@aocarchaeology.com](mailto:Diana.Sproat@aocarchaeology.com) or by phone on **07712 077 238**

### Bingo Night 27 October

**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!

### St Catherine's School Newsletter

Here is the link for the October e-Newsletter to go out to all today.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Gk9OwesNdVSg3jB5?ref=Link>

### 200 Club

This month's winner was no 17. Winner received £78 as did church funds. Two draws left in 2025 and then we move seamlessly to the December Christmas raffle, details of which will follow in November. *Ann Callaghan*

### Thank You

Thank you to all Cluster parishioners for their love, support, messages and mass cards following our dad's passing in September. The family were overwhelmed by attendance when dad, Joe Callaghan, was received into St Gregory's on 25 September and at his requiem mass on Friday 26th. Thank you too to both Father Mike Fallon and Father Alex Davie for their care, support and comforting words throughout. As you know, £524 was raised for SVDP at the retiral collection. SVDP do so much great work in the local community. *Thank you, Callaghan family.*

### Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota

St Catherine's - Group 1 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's - Group 1 (week beginning 20/10).

### 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](http://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.

## Marriage in the South Edinburgh Cluster

Planning to get married? Whether you plan to get married in one of the Cluster parishes (St Catherine, St Gregory, St John Vianney), another church or abroad, there are certain criteria that need to be met and things you need to do well in advance of the wedding ceremony. Please go to the [Marriage page](https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/marriage-in-the-cluster) on our website for all the details you will require to proceed. <https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/marriage-in-the-cluster>

## Currently needed

Tinned carrots, Tinned custard, Fruit juice, Diluting juice, Multipack crisps, Toilet roll. 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](mailto: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 Nick, Kevin Laporte, David, Daniel Philips, Brian Phillips, Bryan Hawthorn, Graciela Camargo, Elizabeth Black, Berhane Shiker, Michael Doherty, David (Anne Carruther's cousin), Nilsa Camargo (Sandra Rodriguez' mum), Erin Colvin, Jorge Mario Gaitán, Josie McKeen, Teresa (sister of Maureen Henderson), Natalia, Paul Cronin, 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, 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, Derek & Fiona O'Farrell, Maureen Love, David Spence, Ronnie Libang, Michael Rodrigues, 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

Patricia Simmons, Jeffrey Sogovia, Joseph Alphonso D'Souza, Bridget Bonnar, Joe Callaghan, Michael Boyle, Dorothy Gilhooly.

### *Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:*

Jim Docherty, Richard Witte, Jualiann Roarty, Mary McFadden, Hugh Manderson, Bridget Coyle, Maria Gillespie, Anthony Carr, Catherine McDonald, Fr John Ramsay, Daniel Coyle, David Cheape, Kevin Burns, James Dryden, Ronnie Macauley, Susan Morrison, Tommy Clark, Hugh Corr, Terrence Davidson, John Ferry, Stefan Czajka, Sarah Byrne, Andrew Anderson, Patrick Curran, Alexander Boynes, John Coll.

*May they rest in peace.*