

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 – 15/16 November 2025

(33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
SC – 10.30am Funeral Mass Mary Williamson	No Mass	No Mass	SG – 9.30am	SG – 9.30am

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,

Today's gospel scene is set after Jesus has entered Jerusalem, knowing he will soon be put to death. His words are not to be read as a scientific description of the end times, though. Jesus' message is clear: Following him also means walking the way of the cross like him. It will not be smooth sailing; we will encounter temptation, resistance and rejection, for some even persecution. Yet, if we stay true to him and trust him, living and spreading his love, from peace-making to hunger and thirst for what is right, we will be part of the Kingdom, now and in the resurrection. [Adapted from this week's Prayer Resources]

Welcome!

This weekend we welcome the families whose children will be baptised this weekend. *Indie Elizabeth Alexander* at the 6 pm Mass in St Gregory's and the *Tymon and Maya Smith-Adamczyk* and *Lucia Giulia Mastalli* at the 11 am Mass in St Catherine's.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 2025-26

Next RCIA session: Sun 23 Nov 12.30 - 2pm @ St Catherine's (in the side chapel), with lunch provided. Please continue to pray for our Enquirers Susan, Reuben, Liam, Kristof, Joseph, Brogan and Brannon and for the RCIA Team who will journey with them.

If you, or someone you know, couldn't come along to the earlier, fortnightly sessions, but is interested in RCIA, please do come and join us on Sun 23 Nov.

Upcoming Funerals

Mary Williamson – Monday 17 November 2025, Funeral Mass 10.30am in St Catherine's.

Laurence Loy – Monday 24 November 2025, Funeral Mass 10.00am in St Gregory's.

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.

Cluster Christmas Concert - Singers 🎵🎤

Would you like to be part of another Christmas concert this year? We are a group of parishioners who like to have some **fun and sing** at the same time. If you'd like to join the merry band, please speak to me at church or [email me](#). Rehearsal dates: **Tuesdays 18 Nov, 25 Nov, 9 Dec**, possibly also **Fri 5 Dec, all 7-9pm** in St Catherine's church. Concert: **Tue 16 Dec @ 7.30pm** in St Catherine's. Come and join us. *Catherine*

St Catherine's Hall - The beginning

Fri 28 Nov at 7pm in St Catherine's Hall. Find out how St Catherine's Hall came to be, all on cine (now digital 😊). You might see a few folk that you know from the past, or hear stories from those who were involved. This will be a fundraiser for the work needing done on the hall. There will be a wee raffle, too. Why not come and enjoy also one of the famous curries by our very own culinary Chef Fr Alex at £5 per ticket - not to be missed! Tickets are now on sale in St Catherine's from Frank Meehan. If you can't stay for the film, you can take a curry away, too. Please come and support this and see how parishioners built a great wee hall.

St Catherine's Christmas toy collection

Last year you surpassed yourselves with your generosity. We had a record collection of toys which went to the School and local Social Work Department. Details about this year's collection date to follow. Please mark your gift either '**boy**' or '**girl**' and also the **age group**. Hopefully, we will again manage to brighten up some children's Christmas. Thanks, *Catherine & Brian*

Christmas Raffles

St Gregory's Traditional Christmas raffle

A hamper has kindly been donated to help us raise funds for the parish. Donations of prizes (i.e. bottles, chocolates, toiletries etc) would be most welcome. To join in, put your donation of what you can afford into an envelope marked 'St Gregory's raffle', with your name & contact number. Drop off in the basket in the porch or hand to Jacinta at Mass. Community has always been at the heart of what we do - thank you in advance for your donations. Draw: Sat 20 Dec after 6pm Mass with teas, coffee and treats. Jacinta

St John Vianney Christmas Raffle

Sun 21 Dec after 9.30am Mass. Raffle tickets are on sale now at £1 per strip. We will have the usual great variety of prizes including a lovely hamper provided by Maureen & Frank Quinn, toiletries, bottles, chocolates and lots more. Tea and coffee will be served along with mince pies and other Christmas goodies. All welcome 🎄

Prisoners Week 16-23 November - Crossroads – What Next?

Mon 17 Nov @ 7.30pm. Deacon Kenny McGeachie will speak about the Scottish Prison Service, the charter and the work of prison chaplains, especially how they support people who live and work in prisons. Hosted by the Friends of St Mary's Cathedral at Coffee Saints, 2A Little King Street, Edinburgh EH1 3AR. Find out more here about Prisoners Week here:

<https://www.prisonersweek.org.uk/>

#RedWednesday Masses 19 Nov

Our Scottish cathedrals will join Aid to the Church in Need in celebrating Mass to remember Christians across the world who suffer for their faith. 80% of all religious persecution in the world is directed against Christians. In St Mary's RC Cathedral, Edinburgh, Mass will be at 7pm. Support and unite in prayer with our Christian sisters and brothers.

Mass for Young Adults

Archbishop Cushley invites Young Adults across the Archdiocese for Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday 23 November at 7:00pm, in the Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart, 26 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh.

Christmas Party Gracemount Mansion Gardens

Saturday 13 December 12 – 2pm. Free Christmas party including hot tasty lunch, family fun activities, Christmas crafts. All welcome.

Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota

St Catherine's - Group 1 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's – Group 3 (week beginning 17/11).

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 meat, instant mash, tinned soup, custard, toiletries. 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



🎄 FESTIVE FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED 🎄

At Fresh Start, we believe everyone deserves a happy Christmas, and we need your help to make it happen. We're asking for donations of the following items, which will be turned into food hampers for those moving on from homelessness this Christmas:

- 🥧 Mince Pies, Christmas Pudding or Cake, Fudge or Candy Canes
- 🍫 Chocolates, eg. Coins, Selection Boxes, Advent Calendars and Tree Decorations
- 🍪 Biscuits, Oatcakes, Crackers, Crisps, Nuts or Other Snacks
- 🥫 Chutney or Jam
- 🍹 Non-Alcoholic Fizzy Drinks
- ☕ Tea, Coffee or Hot Chocolate
- 🎊 Christmas Crackers

Please note that unfortunately, we're unable to take any perishable items due to storage limitations. We're also not able to accept any items that contain alcohol. Please drop off any festive food donations to our warehouse: 22-24 Ferry Road Drive, Edinburgh, EH4 4BR. We're open Monday to Thursday 9am-4pm and Fridays 9am-1pm. **Donations close on Friday, 5th December.**

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, Jesus Camargo, Susana Sanchez, Francis Reilly, Victor Trupcic, David, Daniel Philips, Brian Phillips, Bryan Hawthorn, Graciela Camargo, Berhane Shiker, Michael Doherty, David (Anne

Carruther's cousin), Erin Colvin, Jorge Mario Gaitán, Josie McKeen, Teresa (sister of Maureen Henderson), Natalia, Paul Cronin, Hilary Fernandes, Ethel Ferguson, Luke, 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, Anton, Wesley Winder, Bette Boyle, Alexis Spence, Michelle Falconer, Maureen Christie, Sr. Clare Wilson, James Nolan, David Harvey, 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, Edison Villabona, 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

Stuart Millikin, Mary Williamson, Laurence Loy, Dorothy Jackson, Philip Sheppard, Mary (May) Murray, Maureen Boyle, Kevin Laporte.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Dennis Charleston, Sheila Mullen, Sheila Herraghty, Yvonne Finlay, Sister Elizabeth (Betty) Howat, Benny Haynes, Dinah Porteous, Margaret Kerr, James Kelly, Mabel Jane Scott, Juliana Veronica Carrigan, James Scally, Matthias Smith, Catherine Pressland, Sister Hannah Leahy, Connel Joseph McFadden, Patricia Geater, John Berrick, Catherine Gannon Stanton, Ann Mellon, John McCarron, Margaret McDonald, Thomas Phillips, James Devers, Mary Michaud, Cathie McKeen, Betty Smith.

May they rest in peace.

Advent and Christmas Services in our three Cluster Parishes

Cluster Reconciliation Service:	Thu 11 Dec @ 7pm in St Gregory's Church
Christmas Eve Mass:	Wed 24 Dec @ 6pm, in St Gregory's Church
Christmas Eve Mass:	Wed 24 Dec @ 8pm, in St Catherine's Church (with nativity play)
Christmas Day Mass:	Thu 25 Dec @ 10am, in St Gregory's Church
New Year's Day Mass:	Thu 1 Jan @ 11am, in St Catherine's Church