

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 –14/15 February 2026

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 th	17 th	Ash Wed 18 th	19 th	20 th
SG – 9.30am	No Service	SC – 10.00am SG – 7.00pm	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,

We sometimes talk about people keeping the letter of the law rather than keeping the spirit of it. Keeping the letter of the law means behaving in a literal, minimalist way which is technically valid but involves no personal commitment. Jesus accuses the scribes and Pharisees of behaving like that. Keeping the spirit of the law means to internalise the values of the commandments so that people act from personal conviction rather than external obligation.

In today's gospel Jesus is speaking with conviction and authority about the way missionary disciples are expected to live. Jesus of course "walked the talk" but his words remain a personal challenge to each of us as we struggle to live up to such high ideals. Mercifully we are not alone. We have God in our hearts and our faith community at our side. Let us take hope from today's gospel and lean on willing friends to help us. [Adapted from this week's Prayer Resources]

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.

Lent is just around the corner

A chance for us to draw ever deeper into relationship with the Father. Here are some online & in-person opportunities to pray and reflect this Lent:

* Daily reflections - Lectio 365 –

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/26370352672567913>

* Windows into Heaven - Praying with Icons –

<https://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/event/windows-into-heaven-praying-with-icons-online/>

* An Introduction to Ways of Praying - Epiphany Group -

<https://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/training-courses/introduction-to-ways-of-praying/>

* Through Lent with St Matthew - Ignatian Spirituality Centre –

<https://www.onlineprayer.net/l26-m/>

* A Moment at the Well - 7 March Heart in Pilgrimage –

<https://heartinpilgrimage.org.uk/a-moment-at-the-well/>

* Lent Day of Prayer - 14 March Ignatian Spirituality Centre –

<https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/dop>

* Life before Death - 21 March Ignatian Spirituality Centre –

<https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/life-before-death>

* Pilgrimage Retreat on Iona - 20-25 March –

<https://mullanotherway.co.uk/pilgrimage-on-iona>

* Heart in Pilgrimage at-home retreat packages –

<https://heartinpilgrimage.org.uk/online-retreats/>

SEECAT Lent groups

Our neighbouring churches in SEECAT are running the following Lent groups on the theme of **Pilgrimage**, and all are welcome to join:

* **Wednesdays 12.30-2pm**, starting on Ash Wednesday **18 Feb** at Church of Scotland Liberton Northfield, Gilmerton Road.

* **Wednesdays 1.30pm**, starting on **25 Feb** at St Barnabas Episcopal Church, Moredun Park View. This follows on directly from the 12.30pm prayer group which everyone is also welcome to attend.

Wee Box, Big Change Launches

On Ash Wednesday, SCIAF launches the WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE Appeal. This year's Lent Appeal focuses on the country of Ethiopia. Water is life. Yet, for many, clean water is dangerously scarce. Conflict, climate change, and deep aid cuts are driving this devastating water crisis, reversing decades of progress and leaving millions at risk. This Lent, let hope flow and use your WEE BOX to help bring clean water, dignity, and opportunity to those who need it most. Find out more here <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/902-wee-box-appeal> or call 0141 354 5555. In the short video, Bishop Brian McGee, Argyll & Isles, celebrates the Wee Box.

Cluster Walking Group: February 2026

Our second walk of 2026 will take place on **Saturday 28 February**. It is a walk of around **4¼ miles**, starting at **Newhaven Harbour** and finishing in **Silverknowes**. We expect the walk to take **between 1½ and 2 hours**. The route is reasonably flat, with decent paths along the full route. There is a gentle climb from Silverknowes beach to the bus stop towards the end of the walk. If you would like to come on this walk, please **meet at Pier Place at Newhaven Harbour (outside Norah's Café) at 10.45am**. The 11, 16 and 17 buses all stop at Pier Place. If you would like to bring a pack lunch with you, we can enjoy that when we reach Silverknowes. In terms of getting home from Silverknowes, our walk finishes at the Silverknowes bus terminus where we can get the 16, 27, 29 and 37 buses back into town (or straight home for some). **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.

St Catherine's February Fair Trade Stall

Firstly, a big thank you, we took over **£150** back to the shop after our January stall. Your ongoing support has also meant that we can continue our investment in **Tanzania Delicious Cashews Company** owned and run by farmers, seven women, and one man. It aims to expand its operations and export cashews internationally. Find out more here <https://www.transform-trade.org/cashews> Our next stall is on **Sunday 22 February**. If you want anything, please let us know and we can collect it.

A Big Thank You!

The fantastic amount of **£630** was raised at the Beetle Drive for our **Lourdes Easter Pilgrimage** on the 6th Feb. It was a fantastic evening with support from everyone in the Cluster parishes. We'd like to thank everyone for their generosity. Look out for our next fund-raising event coming up soon. *Jacqui & Roseanne*

St Gregory's

Thank you to the parishioner for the donation towards Easter flowers.

Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota

St Catherine's - Group 3 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's - Group 1 (week beginning 9/2).

Community lunch every Monday

@ **St Catherine's Hall**. We provide a bowl of soup, cake and a cup of tea/ coffee. Doors open at **11.30am** and lunch is served **from 12-1pm**. It's a great opportunity to catch up with friends & make new ones. If you've not been before, do come and join us

St Catherine's Orchard - Can you help?

We are still hoping to plant an orchard but we need help to achieve our vision of the church garden complete with orchard, wild flowers and fruit bushes, as well as places to sit and relax. **Calling all** gardeners, would-be gardeners, garden designers, would-be garden designers, and anyone who would like to be part of this venture. We have been promised help and advice by the Gracemount Community Gardens and by a resident in the Inch experienced in low maintenance, ecological gardening. **We would love to hear from people** and you can contact us here patricia57gillian@gmail.com

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](#) on our website for all the details you will require to proceed. <https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/marriage-in-the-cluster>

Currently needed

Diluting juice, fruit juice, tinned fruit, toilet rolls. 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



Financial Help for Scots in 2026

Don't Miss Out: As households across Scotland continue to feel the pressure of the cost-of-living crisis, many people may be missing out on vital financial support they are entitled to. To find out more about benefits that may be available visit mygov.scot/benefits or use the **QR code** for the Social Security Scotland benefits page.

Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocese hosts online Stations of the Cross each Monday in Lent. The first one is on Monday 23 February at 7:45pm and will feature a reflection from Archbishop Leo. The annual event is to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/stations26

Catechists for Special Needs

SPRED (Special Religious Development) groups need more catechists! Your role will be share the Lord with adults with special needs at fortnightly term-time meetings. Catechists are trained by the Archdiocese and meet fortnightly for preparatory sessions. Interested? Contact Sr Mary Benedicta Maier RSM, SPRED Coordinator, at srmmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk to serve.

SPRED: Sacramental Prep & Faith Formation for Children and Adults with Special Needs

Children and adults with special needs are invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church by being welcomed into a SPRED (Special Religious Development) group. If you are interested in your child or adult son or daughter participating, Sr Mary Benedicta Maier RSM, SPRED Co-ordinator, would love to hear from you at srmmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk.

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, Jeanette Bell, Baby Freya, Ralph, Carson, Chrisanne Dsouza, Baby Patsy, Geoff Brown, Baby Lana (3 months old), Liliam Rivero, Jimmy Love, Ronnie Doig, Betty, Jesus Camargo, Susana Sanchez, Victor Trupcic, David, Daniel Philips, Bryan Hawthorn, Graciela Camargo, Berhane Shiker, Michael Doherty, Erin Colvin, Jorge Mario Gaitán, Josie McKeen, Teresa (sister of Maureen Henderson), Natalia, Hilary Fernandes, Ethel Ferguson, Luke, Bekka and family, Geraldine Rodrigues, 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, Dave Lynch, Erin, Karin Rivero, Anton, Wesley Winder, Bette Boyle, Alexis Spence, Michelle Falconer, Maureen Christie, Sr. Clare Wilson, James Nolan, 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.

We remember in love

Carmelina McGregor, and Mirosława Kruczynska.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Mater Segovia Estelita Canellada, Mary Gordon, Winnie Callaghan, Andrew John Kelly, Ann Stevenson, Tommy Lewis, Thomas O'Neill, Anne Pryde, Joan Stuart, Thomas McArdle, Mary Goonan, Kevin Crow, Maisie Marron, Jane Stewart, Sarah Duffy, Winnie Callaghan, Alexander Ogilvie, Margaret McSevich, Lilian Kyles, Andrew McLearn, Thomas McDonald, Catherine Glenwright, Antonia James, Helen Watson, Grace McPherson Mooney, Freddie Ward, James Boyle, Craig McAleer, Marie Di Placido, Francis Healy, Thomas Fallon.

May they rest in peace.