

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 –04/05 April 2026

(Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord –A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
No services				

Next Weekend Mass times:

St Gregory's	St John Vianney	St Catherine's
Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
6pm	9.30am (in St Gregory's)	11.00am

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

A Happy Easter to you all! Congratulations to Reuben, Liam, Joseph and Brannon who will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time and Susan, Kristof and Brogan who will be Confirmed and receive Eucharist for the first time at our Easter Vigil.

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.

WEE BOX, BIG THANKS

From everyone at SCIAF, we wish you and your family a joyful and blessed Easter filled with peace and hope. Thank you for your generous support of this year's WEE BOX appeal. Please return your WEE BOXES as soon as you can. You can also donate at sciaf.org.uk/weebox or by calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you again for your wonderful generosity.

BIG LENT WALK

Maureen Quinn and Carol Mulvenna have been walking the BIG LENT WALK again this year with the help of parishioners and friends to try to complete the distance of the full length of the Blue Nile – 1450 kilometres! We will let you know soon if we managed as a cluster to reach the target! The sponsor sheets are still available at each mass if you would like to sponsor us!

Alpha is back

Whether you are new to the church or would simply like to take some time to explore your faith more deeply, Alpha is for you. We meet **every Tuesday from 14 April-16 June, 7-8.30pm in St Catherine's church**. Come and join us for some food, a film and a chat. No pressure. No judgement. Just a relaxed, friendly evening considering those big questions of life and faith. **All welcome**. Contact us at cluster.alpha@outlook.com

Easter Service of Remembrance

On behalf of the Cluster Bereavement Group of St Catherine, St Gregory and St John Vianney, we would like to invite you to come along to St Gregory's for the cluster **Easter Service of Remembrance on Saturday 11 April at 10am** (please note change of time for this month only). It is hoped that through listening to a scripture reading, poetry and music you will find some comfort remembering those you have loved and lost. There will be the opportunity in the service for you to light a candle in memory of your loved one(s), whilst the names of those family and friends of the cluster who have died in the cluster since November will scroll through on the screens. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall afterwards where we hope you will join us. Contact Jacinta on 0131 664 5581 if you have any questions.

Volunteers Needed in St Catherine's

We are looking for volunteers to operate the iPad for our Sunday Mass. If this something you can help with, please speak to Fr Alex.

Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota

St Catherine's - Group 5 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's – Group 1 week beginning 6/4.

Drop-in lunch – come along for a blether and a bite to eat

You are warmly invited to our drop-in lunch.

It takes place on a **Monday** in the **hall at St Catherine's**. **Doors open at 11.30am**, and the free lunch is served from 12 to 1pm.

Please do come along and join us for a blether and a bite to eat.

SEECAT Justice and Peace

Seeking a Just Peace in the Middle East

Sat 11 April, 11am - 2pm in St Catherine's Church Hall. Come for whatever part of the time works for you. Craft activities; conversation; prayer. Hadeel stall of fair traded Palestinian produce, with news from their producers across Palestine/Israel.

Talk at 11.30am-12pm: "Apartheid or Peace?" Mike Mineter will speak about his recent visits to South Africa and Palestine/Israel. Light snacks provided - bring sandwiches for **lunch together at 1pm**.

Cluster Walking Group: April 2026 Walk

Our fourth walk of the year is coming around quickly. Unusually, it will take place on a **Thursday** rather than a Saturday. Some of those who would like to walk with us are unable to commit to a Saturday and suggested a midweek walk. So, this one will be on **Thursday 16 April**, along the **River Forth / John Muir Way, from Portobello (King's Road) to Prestonpans**. It is a walk of approximately 6½ miles, taking around 2-3 hours. It is reasonably flat and on a decent path. There are various exit points along the way for those who would like to walk a shorter distance. If you would like to join us, please meet at **10:15** at the **bus stop at Kings Road, Portobello**. Buses 12, 19, 21, 26 and 49 stop at Kings Road. From this end of town, the easiest way might be to take the No. 12 from Cameron Toll (leaving at 09:44), get off at Kings Road, and cross the road. Please bring a packed lunch, which we can enjoy along the way or when we reach Prestonpans. Alternatively, there are cafes and a bar in Prestonpans for those who prefer to eat inside. In terms of getting home from Prestonpans, the No. 26 bus runs every 10 minutes and will take us back to the City Centre.

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.

Green power in the garden

Come along to our meeting on **Sat 18 April, 10am-12pm in St Catherine's hall**, to share ideas and plans for diversifying our gardens at the church. We will discuss possible plans for the area, draw up a plan of action and possible starting dates for the work to begin. **Bring your children along**. There will be light refreshments. We would love to see you there. Thanks very much. *The Eco Circle*

St Catherine's Primary Newsletter

<https://stcatherinesedinburgh.wordpress.com/monthly-sway-newsletters/>

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

Sponge puddings, instant mash, pasta sauce, instant noodles, UHT milk, diluting juice. Thank you to the Parishioner for their cash donation. 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



Christmas Masses

As you will know, for a long number of years our Masses on Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and other feast days have been what we call "Cluster Masses". While **every** Mass that is celebrated is open to everyone who wishes to participate, we introduced the term "Cluster Mass" to describe a Mass that was organised by and served by (ministry exercised by) by parishioners from all three parishes.

Representatives of our three Parish Pastoral Councils met recently and agreed that, going forward, the three Masses we celebrate at Christmas (6pm and 8pm on Christmas Eve, and 10am on Christmas Day) will be Cluster Masses – i.e. they will be organised by and served by (ministry exercised by) by parishioners from all three parishes.

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 7.30pm 5th April: **Resurrection** celebrate the greatest event in history – Usher Hall, Edinburgh. Tickets (free but suggested donation) available from www.originscotland.org or call 0131 541 0117

You are held in prayer



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

Those who are unwell

Kevin Devlin, Olive, Neil and Betty, Isodoro Fulgencio, Margaret Hendry, Bill Watt, Monika, Jeanette Bell, Baby Freya, Ralph, Carson, Chrisanne Dsouza, Baby Patsy, Geoff Brown, Baby Lana, Liliam Rivero, Jimmy Love, Ronnie Doig, 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, 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

Irena Kaluza, Alan Charles Mitchell, Margaret Martindale, Margaret Sclater, Gavin Flynn.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Madge Healy, Marion Milne, Thomas McGrath, Patrick McKelvey, James Crawford, Anne Fielding, Rose Fawcett, Edward Calvey, Patrick Taylor, Winnifred Julia Cummings, John Mahon, Ella Green, Alasdair Fagan, Veronica Mooney, John Joseph Gilbert, Rose Quigley, Margaret Fyfe Hadaway, Anne Reilly, Elaine Houlston, Owen Coyle, Arnold Zabala.

May they rest in peace.