

## 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 April 2026 (Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) –A)

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### Cluster Team:

Fr Alex Davie – Parish Priest; Maureen Wallbanks – St Gregory's Parish Coordinator;  
Sr Ninian Duffner - St John Vianney's Parish Coordinator

### 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>
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### 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

### Welcome!

A warm welcome to all those who will be baptised across our three faith communities this weekend.

### 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.

## Upcoming Funerals

**Georgina Grassick** – Wednesday 29 April, Funeral Mass 10 am in St Gregory's.

## 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](mailto:cluster.alpha@outlook.com)

## 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 1 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's – Group 2 week beginning 20/4.

## 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.

## St Gregory's 200 Club

The winning number for the March draw was no 78 and the winner received £71 as did church funds.

## Volunteer to Support Adults with Special Needs in Edinburgh

Five new faithful adult volunteers are needed to commit to our George Square Thursday evening SPRED (Special Religious Development) group. The spiritual programme for adults with special needs fosters communion with Jesus Christ within the Catholic community of faith. Please contact Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM, at [srmay.benedicta@staned.org.uk](mailto:srmay.benedicta@staned.org.uk) if you are interested in learning about becoming a SPRED volunteer catechist for this Edinburgh group.

## Camp Out for Hope Bulletin Notice

**Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Scotland** are excited to invite you to the Camp Out for Hope! This will be a powerful event to show solidarity with our suffering and displaced Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Join us for an all-night prayer vigil, opportunities to learn more about ACN and our work, time to socialise and build new friendships, and more!

## Saturday, 30th May - Sunday, 31st May, Carfin Grotto, 8pm - 8am

Space is limited, so make sure to sign up now! **Head to [Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com) to sign up for free, or scan the QR code**. Participants are encouraged to fundraise, with £50 as a target. Sign-ups will receive a fundraising pack to support their efforts. You must be aged 16+ to participate. Contact ACN Scotland at [scotland@acnuk.org](mailto:scotland@acnuk.org) or 01698 337 470 for more information.

## 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](mailto: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/>

## Catechist formation: First Reconciliation

Join the Catechetics Commission on Saturday 18 April, 9am-1230pm, for a morning focused on preparing children for the sacrament of reconciliation. Morning will include Mass, a testimony, and presentations on engaging children & parents. Location: the Gillis Centre 100 Strathearn Rd, EH9 1BB. Register: <https://bit.ly/304eC3z>

Let the little children come...for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven!

## 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

UHT milk, cereal, diluting juice, and fruit juice. 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*

Val McAndrew, 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**

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

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

Anne Reilly, Theresa Printie, Margaret Spence, Ted Gardner, Patrick McKelvey, Catherine Thomson, Elizabeth Boyle, Roddy MacLean, Elizabeth Bellew, Elizabeth Taylor, Anthony J Stewart, Sonya Rutherford, Isobel Feeney, Frank Smith, Patrick Curran, Sister Christine Helen Triay, Owen Ferry, Mary Gavan, Richard Scott, Elizabeth Parker, Irene Stewart, Margaret Wales White, Ida Peat, William Ogilvie, Mary McAuley.

*May they rest in peace.*