

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 –18/19 April 2026 (Third Sunday of Easter –A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th
		SG – 9.30am	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,

What must it have been like on the road to Emmaus, being joined by a stranger? He seemed to know nothing about Jesus yet he explained in detail from the Scriptures how everything that happened had been foretold long ago. Then, having "broken open the Word", he broke the bread and then they realised, truly, he lives among us still.

As missionary disciples, we are called to deepen our relationship with Jesus through reading and reflecting on Scripture and responding through witness, just as Jesus showed the Emmaus disciples. With proper preparation, we can make each weekend Mass a re-living of the Emmaus journey as well as a re-enactment of the Last Supper.

Wishing us all a joyful Easter season.

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 has started – come along!

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

Gospel Reflections: Did not our hearts burn within us?

As missionary disciples, we are called to deepen our relationship with Jesus through reading and reflecting on Scripture and responding through witness, as Jesus showed the Emmaus disciples. Do you know that we have a web page that can support you in just that? Our Gospel Reflections offers you, each week, a commentary on the Sunday gospel and questions to reflect upon either on your own, in the family at the dinner table, or in a circle of friends. We also have so-called Connect Groups who meet weekly or fortnightly, on Zoom or in person, to share about the Sunday gospel. Email us at cluster.alpha@outlook.com if you are interested!

You can find the link to the Gospel Reflections each week on our website (under 'Resources'). Please do use them and allow Jesus' words to join you on the road through the week and into the next Sunday.

The Gospel Reflections are the successor to the 'Prayer Resources' which were set up during the pandemic when we could not go to Mass and have evolved over time. Any feedback is welcome, just email us at southedclust@btinternet.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.

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.

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 srmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk if you are interested in learning about becoming a SPRED volunteer catechist for this Edinburgh group.

Cluster Seniors High Tea ~ Sat 25 April

1 - 4pm in St Catherine's Church Hall. All Seniors are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you for a fun-filled afternoon and delicious high tea. Tickets available at mass in all churches from Jacinta (SG), Susanne & Carol (SJV), Janet, Suzanne & Linda (SC). Please give your name, contact details, and if transport is required.

Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota

St Catherine's - Group 2 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's - Group 2 week beginning 20/4.

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](https://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 or 01698 337 470 for more information.

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



From the Archbishop's Ad Clerum

Playlist: What's Happening at Mass

The Archdiocese recently hosted a Faith Day at the Gillis Centre titled What's Happening at Mass. Warm thanks to all who attended. Deepen your understanding of what you are seeing, hearing, saying, and doing at Mass by watching the talks: bit.ly/holymasstalks

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life is on Sunday 26 April. There will be a special collection for Ecclesiastical students. Your donation helps cover tuition fees and living costs for seminarians. Matthew McCafferty, a seminarian for the Archdiocese, said: "Knowing that the faithful of the Archdiocese are supporting us—both spiritually and in practical ways—gives great encouragement. It's a reminder that this vocation is something we share together as a Church." Donations can also be made online at bit.ly/eccstudents25

Family Picnic & Mass

Join families from around the Archdiocese at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB for a picnic at 1:00pm on Saturday 9 May, followed by a time of catechesis, games, a Rosary procession, and concluding with a Vigil Mass at 4:00pm. Bring your own picnic, tea/coffee & a dessert will be provided. The day is aimed especially at families with school-age children. Register at bit.ly/archpicnic26. Event hosted by the Marriage & Family and Catechetics Commissions of the Archdiocese.

Organ Recital and demo of Cathedral organ

If you want to find out how the massive and complex organ at St Mary's Cathedral works, and to hear some excellent music, join organist Tom Wilkinson this Sunday (19 April) at 1:30pm-2:30pm for a recital and demonstration.

Pentecost event for young adults

Join young adults from across the Archdiocese to celebrate Pentecost at St Andrew's Church, 77 Belford Road, Edinburgh on Saturday 23 May, beginning at 4:00pm. There will be a talk, Eucharistic Adoration & opportunity for Confession, Holy Mass and a barbecue. Organised by the Archdiocese along with youth ministry at Edinburgh Jesuit Church, St Mary's Cathedral and St Albert's Chaplaincy. Register at bit.ly/pentecost26. Come, Holy Spirit!

Edinburgh Seven Hills Pilgrimage

The Seven Hills of Edinburgh Pilgrimage route is approximately 26km, taking in Castle Hill, Costorphine Hill, Craiglockhart Hill, Braid Hill, Blackford Hill, Arthur's Seat and Calton Hill. Starts at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral at 9:00am on 13 June with a dedicated reflection at each peak from Monsignor Jeremy Milne. Details and registration at bit.ly/sevenhills26

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, Betty, Isodoro Fulgencio, Margaret Hendry, Bill Watt, Monika, Jeanette Bell, Baby Freya, Ralph, Carson, 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

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

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Mary McAuley, Helen Gordon, Ralph Milne, John Floyd, Michael Stanton, Higanout Hamandgrain, Thomas Hanlon, Constance Lennon, Nellie Christie, Sr Mary Steedman, Margaret Galloway, Janet Black, Thomas Bain, Catherine McKinley, Philip Ross, Hector Stewart, William Muir, Phyllis Skilling, Michael Fallon, James McGeever, John Coyle, Fr Francis Moulding, James McGovern, Agnes McAllister, Alex Ritchie, Paul Fullerton, Bridget Cameron, Hugh Wynne, Carole Haddow, Carmine De Feo, Linda Margaret Reid, George Smith.

May they rest in peace.