

## 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 –25/26 April 2026 (Fourth Sunday of Easter –A)

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### Cluster Team:

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### Cluster Administrator:

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### Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	1st
	SG – 4.00pm Reception of Remains of Georgina Grassick	SG – 10.00am Funeral Mass Georgina Grassick	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 Sisters and Brothers,*

*Today's gospel is a parable about how to enter the kingdom of heaven. Jesus says that we can only enter by the right route, through the correct gate. He then clarifies that he is the gate and our entry is dependent on following his example. Jesus says we can pretend to be Godly, we can call ourselves Christian; however, it is like expecting to get in to a concert with a forged ticket. Ultimately we would fail if our lives have not been underpinned by genuine Christian values such as peace-making, compassion and justice. Until they are the main motivators in our lives, we are trying to get in to a concert with a forged ticket.*

### Welcome!

A very warm welcome to all families presenting for baptism this weekend. May you and your child be blessed and grow strong in faith.

## **Name Badge Weekend 2/3 May**

Parishioners are invited to take part in all three parishes. It is an opportunity to get to know people by name and have a chat over a cuppa and some treats. Learn something new about people. Over the Easter period we have 7 new adult parishioners and upwards of 12 Baptisms in the Cluster. It would be great to reach out and welcome the families. Thank you for supporting us.

*Jacinta & Chikondi on behalf of the CPC*

## **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.

## **Alpha: You can still join us!**

Alpha has started but there's still time to join us for a film and a chat on the big questions of life and faith. We meet **every Tuesday, 7-8.30pm in St Catherine's church**. Why not come along and give it a try? We'd love to see you. All welcome. For more information, email us [cluster.alpha@outlook.com](mailto:cluster.alpha@outlook.com) email us or [go here](#). The third session looks at "Why did Jesus die?"

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [rmmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk](mailto:rmmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk) if you are interested in learning about becoming a SPRED volunteer catechist for this Edinburgh group.

## **Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota**

St Catherine's - Group 3 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's – Group 3 week beginning 4/5.

## Bingo Date

The next **bingo date** is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm in St Catherine's Hall. There will also be a **tombola** after 11am Mass in St Catherine's on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## SCIAF Big Lent Walk

A massive thank you to all our cluster parishioners and friends who sponsored Maureen Quinn and Carol Mulvenna in the Big Lent Walk. The distance walked exceeded SCIAF's target of 1450km (the entire length of the Nile). Along with parishioners Enrique, Sharon, Sr Ninian, Frank, and Gerry, Maureen and Carol walked (and some even ran) 1679km. We will publish the amount raised soon as donations are still coming in. Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

## 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](mailto: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

Fruit juice, biscuits, sweets, shampoo, deodorants (men and women). 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)



## From the Archbishop's Ad Clerum

### The Gillis Centre

The Archdiocese has announced that The Gillis Centre, which has long served as its administrative home, will be placed on the market for sale later this year. This follows a long process of review and time of reflection and discernment about how best to support the mission and future needs of the Archdiocese. The Gillis Centre holds a special place in the life of many, and Archbishop Cushley asks us to keep this transition in our prayers. The Curia team will continue their work there for now and will move to new premises in due course. Further information is available on the Archdiocesan website: [archedinburgh.org/news](http://archedinburgh.org/news)

## 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](http://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](http://bit.ly/archpicnic26). Event hosted by the Marriage & Family and Catechetics Commissions of the Archdiocese.

## 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](http://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](http://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, Isadoro Fulgencio, Margaret Hendry, Bill Watt, Monika, Jeanette Bell, 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 Boyle, Larry Loy, Patrick Kelly, Frances Dinse, Ann Guthrie, Mary Adair, Owen Boyle, Teresa Greco, Agnes McCaffrey, Ena McCann, Gavin Hill, James Boyle, Patricia Hartley, Dolly (Ellen) Allan.

*May they rest in peace.*