

## 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 –02/03 May 2026

(Fifth 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
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
		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,*

*In many ways, Thomas is a man of our modern times who would rather rely on satnav directions than on his intuition and experience. Healthy as it is to question, we can sometimes over-complicate matters. Jesus' message of the Resurrection that shines through this joyous Easter season is as simple as it is challenging: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". The early Christians called themselves followers of 'The Way' - no more and no less than living, acting and loving like Jesus. The deepest meaning and purpose of all that exists lies in Jesus. The truest joy, fulfilment and happiness is found in Jesus, here and now as well as beyond the grave. What better news to share?!*

### 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?"

## Novena to Our Lady

Will be held in the Cluster through the month of May.

\* In **St Catherine's** every **Monday** at **2pm** from **4 May**

\* In **St Gregory's** every **Tuesday** at **7pm** from **5 May**, followed by the Ladies Guild.

Please note: There will be no **Novena** or **Guild** on **12 May** at **St Gregory's** to allow the Alpha team to use the hall as the Confirmations take place at St Catherine's.

## Bereavement Services

The group would like to thank all who were able to attend the Easter Service of Remembrance. We hope you were able to draw some comfort through the readings, music, and lighting of candles in memory of those you have loved and lost.

Our Next Service is on **Saturday 9 May @ 9.30am in St Gregory's**. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones. Tea & coffee will be served in the hall after the service. If you have any queries, please contact Jacinta by [by email](#) or call 07791 332753.

## Cluster Fair Trade

St John Vianney's FT Stall ~ Sun 3 May

There will be a Fair-Trade stall in the hall after Mass along with tea and coffee for Name Badge Sunday. All very welcome. Thanks very much.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to **Maureen and Frank Quinn** from St John Vianney's who celebrated 50 years of marriage on 24th April. We rejoice with you at reaching this very special milestone of half a century together. Every blessing for all the love and laughter that is yet to come!

## Happy 70th Birthday

Many happy returns to Jacinta Flockhart on her upcoming birthday, the big 70! May every moment be a celebration of your journey and the love you've shared with others. A big Thank You for your untiring dedication and hard work in St Gregory's, from the children to the bereavement services, not forgetting your zeal as the parish photographer! Blessings and best wishes from the entire Cluster Community

## Ladies' Guild

**St Gregory's Ladies' Guild** - we meet every Tuesday in St Gregory's church hall. During May, this will be after 7pm Novena. All welcome. No Novena or Guild on 12 May (see above).

**Cluster Ladies' Guild** Wed 6 May @ 7pm in St Catherine's Hall. We meet every first Wednesday of the month. Old and new members welcome.

## 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.

## Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota

St Catherine's - Group 4 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.

## Southside Faith Care

are hosting **Reminiscence Afternoons** in Newington Trinity - Priestfield Church, 2 Marchall Place, EH16 5HW, (down from Commonwealth Pool) fortnightly on Tuesdays from 1.30-3.30pm - 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June - memories of the Southside, Edinburgh, tea and a chat.

**Digital Frauds and Scams Talk** - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - 1.30-3.30pm Newington Trinity - Priestfield Church - How to stay safe online - with Police Scotland and Barclays Bank.

## St Catherine's Primary School newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/tnq1DuDxWRJXPCYt?ref=Link>

## 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.

## Annual Concert 2026

**Sat 23 May @ 7.30pm** at Greyfriars Kirk, EH1 2QQ. Come along for a varied and popular programme by the [Edinburgh Kevock Choir](http://www.kevockchoir.org.uk/), <http://www.kevockchoir.org.uk/> including the Phantom of the Opera choral suite. Tickets £16/£14, available online or at the door. *Hilary Stokes*

## 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

Tinned carrots, chocolate bars and sweets, custard, toilet rolls, shampoo and conditioner. 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

### 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*

David Fenwick, Val McAndrew, Kevin Devlin, Olive, Betty, Isodoro Fulgencio, Margaret Hendry, Bill Watt, Monika, Jeanette Bell, Ralph, Carson, 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**

Elaine, Neil McKendrick, Georgina Grassick, Irena Kaluza, Alan Charles Mitchell, and Margaret Martindale.

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

Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Helen Stanton, Alex Hutchison, Jessie Haynes, Christopher Wilson, Madge Donaldson, Kenny Scott, Charles Adams, Marion Arnott, Agnes Cullen, Sister Josephine Ogilvie, Mary Dennison, Isabella Henderson, Tommy Hennegan, Jean Low, Raymond Mason, Thomas Joseph Gormley, Thomas Harrison, Susan McCullagh, Thomas Coll, Christina Spalding, Margaret Gallagher, John Kidd, James MacDonald, Mary Coyle, John Wood, Frank Smith, Patricia Cairney.

*May they rest in peace.*