

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 –23/24 May 2026

(Pentecost Sunday –A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th
SG – 9.30am		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,

Happy birthday to us all. We are church, we are the apostles of the 21st century. Christ has breathed the Spirit into us and given us gifts aplenty. Those gifts, if we use them, can only achieve one purpose - the spreading of Christ's message of forgiveness, justice and peace. Now it's over to us, to use the gifts we have been given.

St Gregory's Open Parish Meeting 13 June

I would like to invite all parishioners of St Gregory's to an Open Parish Meeting to discuss the parish's finances. It will take place **immediately after the 6pm St Gregory's Parish Mass on Saturday 13 June. This is a very important meeting**, and I hope that as many St Gregory's parishioners as possible will be able to participate in it. *Fr Alex*

Alpha Week 7: How does God guide us?

You can still 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, email cluster.alpha@outlook.com, or go here

<https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/alpha>

On **Sat 30 May, 10am-4pm**, we will be holding our Away Day in **Liberton Northfield Church**, 280 Gilmerton Rd, EH16 5UR. This day will focus on the Holy Spirit. Please pray for all the participants and the team.

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.

Cluster Walking Group: May 2026 Walk

Our next walk will take place on **Saturday 30 May**. This circular walk takes in the Craiglockhart Hills (Wester and Easter). It is a walk of around 2¾ miles and will take around 1¼ to 1¾ hours. The terrain is a mix of footpaths, pavements and grassy paths with steps at various points and inclines along the way. It can be muddy in places. If you use walking poles, you might find it helpful to bring them. Please meet at Pedrixknowe bus stop on Colinton Road at 10:15. The 10, 27 and 45 buses stop here (going to and from the city centre). From the Gracemount / Gilmerton side of town, one option is to take the No. 18 to Firhill, and then switch to a 10, 27 or 45 (heading towards the city centre). As this is a short walk which will finish before lunchtime, there is no need to bring a packed lunch. In terms of getting home, we return to the Pedrixknowe bus stop at the end of the walk where we can connect with the 10, 27 and 45 bus services towards or away from 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

Scotland Resists Big Tech Power

From AI slop to Uber Eats and driverless cars – Big Tech is shaping our futures – but is it a future we want? Behind the clever apps and shiny new time saving devices is a resource grab: of data, land, energy, and critical materials. It's creating huge wealth for the tech bros, but at whose expense? Join us on Saturday 13 June, 11 – 4pm, at St Augustine United Church, Edinburgh EH1 1EL for a free event. At our Scottish gathering there will be some great speakers, and we'll be discussing how we resist the monopoly power of the tech giants. To find out more go to <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/globaljusticenow/2199587> or just turn up on the day. No need to be a campaigner or a member to come along – all welcome!

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.

Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota

St Catherine's - Group 2 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's – Group 5 week beginning 1/6.

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 – 2nd, 16th and 30th June – memories of the Southside, Edinburgh, tea and a chat.

Lay Led Services in Care Homes

Fr Alex mentioned last weekend that the Rev David Dixon would like to encourage us in this ministry and that he would run a couple of sessions to help people feel confident in this kind of ministry. He is still offering Wed 27th May at 1.30pm or 7.00pm in St Barnaba's depending on the time that suits those participating. If you feel drawn to this, please speak to Fr Alex.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Scotland Camp Out for Hope

30-31 May, 8pm-8am, Carfin Grotto, Taylor Avenue, Carfin ML1 5AJ. 16+ years. Show solidarity with our suffering and displaced Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Come to an all-night prayer vigil, learn how you can make a real difference in the lives of others, relax and build new friendships. Spaces are limited, sign up here <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/>? Participants are encouraged to fundraise £50. Contact us by email 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

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



F.T. Stall - St Catherine's Sun 31 May

Our next stall happens next week after mass in St Catherine's hall. If you have any requests please tell us and we will do our best to collect from the shop. A big thank you for your support.

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.

From the Archbishop's Ad Clerum

Corpus Christi Procession

The Archdiocesan Corpus Christi procession, led by Archbishop Cushley, will take place from Our Lady & St Andrew's, Stirling Street, Galashiels, at 3:00pm on Sunday 7 June 2026. Afterwards there will be Benediction in the Church followed by refreshments in the presbytery garden. This annual event is a beautiful, public celebration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. All welcome.

Scam Emails

Please be cautious of emails or messages claiming to be from priests or parish members asking for money or gift cards. Do not respond or send money. Our parish will never request funds in this way. Please report any suspicious messages to the parish office at [parish email address here].

World Youth Day

"Experience the universal Church first-hand amidst the unique and vibrant story of Catholicism in South Korea. From remarkable saints, bustling markets and poignant shrines to Holy Mass with Pope Leo and sleeping under the stars. Come with us from our Archdiocese and discover, in a profound and personal way, God, the Church, and the transforming power of faith." - Archbishop Cushley. If you are aged 19-35 and want to find out about attending the World Youth Day in South Korea, 3-8 August 2027, please register your interest at youth.office@staned.org.uk.

Edinburgh Seven Hills Pilgrimage

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

St Margaret Pilgrimage

This annual national Catholic event takes place on Sunday 14 June in Dunfermline. Schedule: 12:00pm Angelus at St Margaret's Cave; 1:00pm Prayer Service at St Margaret's tomb at Dunfermline Abbey; 2:00pm Procession from Glen Gates to St Margaret's Memorial Church, East Port; 3:00pm Mass at St Margaret's Memorial Church, celebrated by Archbishop Cushley.

You are held in prayer



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

Those who are unwell

Baby Darling, John Coll, Martin Coll, David Fenwick, Val McAndrew, Kevin Devlin, Olive, Betty, Isadoro Fulgencio, Margaret Hendry, Bill Watt, Monika, Jeanette Bell, Ralph, Carson, Geoff Brown, Baby Lana, Liliam Rivero, Jimmy Love, 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, 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

Ronnie Doig, Anne Scott, Bruce Lynch, Maire McDonald, Frances McConnell, Elaine, Neil McKendrick, Georgina Grassick, Irena Kaluza.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Grace Kay, Jim Mullen, John Lynch, Mary Ann Diver, Hugh Nicol, Edward Calvey, Ann More, Ronnie Coleman, Tommy Brock, Grace Gourlay Kay, Helen Barrett, Mark Buchanan, Catherine Crate, Patrick McCann, James Dickson, Anthony Coyle, William Glenwright, James Stritch, Father Gerard Prior, Ian McDonald, Veronica Lothian, George Pringle, Mary Smith.

May they rest in peace.

