

## 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 –30/31 May 2026

(The Most Holy Trinity –A)

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### Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <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 Sisters and Brothers,*

*In today's second reading, St Paul pronounces a beautiful blessing that we rarely use outside of Mass. Yet, if we embrace it, it helps us see how our triune God is at work in our lives: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you".*

*The Father is first and foremost love, who holds us close to his heart, not someone out to judge and condemn us, as today's gospel emphasises. Looking to Jesus as our Saviour fills us with his grace to follow him, counter-cultural as that might be. And the Holy Spirit is our faithful companion whose fellowship guides and empowers us through all the challenges we will encounter, personally and in our work for a more just and peaceful world.*

### 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*

### **First Communion celebrations**

Congratulations to all the children from our three parishes who are receiving their First Holy Communion in these weeks. Please pray for them and their families as they take this important step on their faith journey. We are grateful to the catechists in our three parishes and the staff at our Primary Schools who have given of their time and talent to share their faith and prepare the children. Photos of all the children will be available on the website mid-June.

### **Pentecost celebrations – Thank you**

Last weekend, on the Feast of Pentecost, we celebrated the birthday of the Church. We also celebrated how blessed and greatly enriched our Cluster faith communities are by cultural diversity, by people who have come from many nations to make their home here with us in the Southeast of Edinburgh. Thank you to all those who participated in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles in different languages, including our Newly Received parishioners, to all those who brought a plate of food of their native country to share after our three Masses, and to all those who came into the hall after the Masses to share food and company with one another (the picture is only a small sample!). Thanks also to those who coordinated everything, as well as the tech and hospitality teams. Go here for a short video of each of the readings

<https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/cluster-information/2025/life-of-the-cluster>

### **Alpha Week 8: Why and how should I tell others?**

The Alpha group had their Away Day this Saturday in Liberton Northfield Church. This is a day that focuses entirely on the Holy Spirit and brought us together as a community as we explore the big questions of life and faith. We meet on Tuesdays until 16 June @ 7pm in St Catherine's church. To find out more email us or go here email [cluster.alpha@outlook.com](mailto:cluster.alpha@outlook.com), or go here

<https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/alpha>. The picture shows some of our wonderful new hospitality team. We are so blessed to have even more members to share this important ministry.

### **Thank you**

Last week's tombola raised £266-60 and, in addition, the bingo raised £311-20. In total, £577-80p has been raised for the church in May. Very many thanks to all fundraisers and organisers. *Maureen Philips*

### **Beetle Drive**

Beetle Drive on Monday 22 June, 7 – 10pm in St Catherine's Hall. Tickets are £5 and include soup and roll. All welcome!

### **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 3 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June – memories of the Southside, Edinburgh, tea and a chat.

## 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 meat, tuna, instant mash, long-life milk, jam, shower gel, mayo, small jars of coffee, children's sweets. 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)



## 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@stened.org.uk](mailto:youth.office@stened.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](http://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.

### **Magnifica Humanitas**

In his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ('Magnificent Humanity'), Pope Leo XIV reflects on the challenges and opportunities of artificial intelligence in light of Catholic social teaching, calling all people to safeguard human dignity, truth, justice, and peace. The full text of the encyclical may be read at the Vatican website.

### **Archdiocesan events**

Events are listed at [archedinburgh.org/events](http://archedinburgh.org/events)

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**

Anthony Ward, Martin Walker, Mark McCann, Ronnie Doig, Anne Scott, Bruce Lynch, Maire McDonald, Frances McConnell, Elaine, Neil McKendrick, Georgina Grassick, Irena Kaluza, Alan Charles Mitchell.

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

George Ritchie and Mary Newton, George Pringle, Doreen Nettleship, Susan Reynolds, Joseph Glenwright, Peter Murty, John Greeney, Owen Naughton, Nancy O'Donnell, Mary Martin, Stan Walker, Thomas Finlay, Mark Thompson, May Muldoon, Rosemary Barrie, John Patrick Guiney, Margaret Millar, Tommy Fagan, Tom Christie, Anne Grieve.

*May they rest in peace.*