

## 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 –06/07 June 2026

**(The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ –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
8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
No Service	No Service	Funeral	SG – 9.30am	SG – 9.30am

### Next Weekend Mass times:

<b>St Gregory's</b>	<b>St John Vianney</b>	<b>St Catherine's</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
6pm	9.30am (in St Gregory's)	11.00am

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*This Feast is a celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Sacraments are visible signs of invisible grace. We, created by God, are body, mind, spirit and soul. How does God communicate his love to us? In ways we can understand. Words alone cannot show the wonder and mystery of God's love for us. One of the best ways of getting to know someone is to have a meal with them, yet the Eucharist is so much more than a meal, it is God sharing his very self with us. A love so deep and passionate he allowed his Body to be broken and his Blood shed. God longs for us to know his love for us deep within our being. As we receive His Precious Body and Blood into our bodies, so God longs to dwell in our hearts by his spirit and we believe that at the end of our days God will gather us in his loving arms and bring us to dwell with him forever.*

### 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.

### **Alpha Week 9: Does God heal today?**

There are another two sessions left 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>.

### **Next Bereavement Service: Sat 13 June @ 9.30am in St Gregory's**

Candles are lit for family and friends of the cluster who have died in the last month or if there's an anniversary of a loved one please say when you arrive. If you would like more information, email Jacinta or phone her on 664 5581.

### **Cluster Walking Group: June 2026 Walk**

Our sixth walk of the year will take place on Saturday 20 June. It will be another circular walk, this time starting and finishing at East Gate Post Office in Peebles. Our route will take in the River Tweed and Cademuir. It is a distance of 8¾ miles and will take us between 3 and 4½ hours. There are paths all the way, with a variety of mostly decent surfaces. There are some steps, some stiles to cross, and a few short sections are a bit rocky. There is one slow incline for around ½ mile. There are no drop-out points along the way. Our plan is to stop around halfway and have lunch, so please bring a pack lunch with you. If you would like to come, please meet at 09:30 at Kaimes Crossroads bus stop on Howden Hall Road (this is the bus stop heading out of town where the 7 stops). We will take the X62 to Eastgate Post Office in Peebles, arriving there at 10:29. For those making their own way to Peebles, please meet at the Eastgate Post Office in Peebles at 10:30. There is a half-hourly bus service that will take us back to Edinburgh from Peebles.

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](mailto:southedclust@btinternet.com)

### **St Gregory's 200 Club**

**The May Winner was no 93** and the winner received **£71 as did St Gregory's church funds.** Thanks to all our supporters as we go forward. Numbers are still available - just contact me on 07792 447436. *Ann Callaghan*

### **Beetle Drive**

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

### **St Catherine's**

St Catherine's school newsletter - <https://stcatherinesedinburgh.wordpress.com/monthly-sway-newsletters/>

St Catherine's Primary are looking for some help at **their Summer Fair on Fri 19 June, 12-2.30pm.** All home baking must include ingredients and allergies. please hand into the school on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. If you can help with the activities, please contact the school office – [admin@st-catherines.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-catherines.edin.sch.uk) Thank you! See notice board posters.

### **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.

## 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 4 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's - Group 1 week beginning 15/6.

## 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

### Consultation

Archbishop Cushey invites you to respond to consultation questions from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland regarding the structures of the Church in Scotland. The consultation questions are online at [bit.ly/archconsultation26](http://bit.ly/archconsultation26). For context, please see the BCOS statement at [bit.ly/bcosstatement](http://bit.ly/bcosstatement). Responses must be submitted by Friday 26 June.

### 華人天主教團體彌撒 | Mass in Cantonese

Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ at 2:00pm on Sunday 14 June followed by a social.

### 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 Cushey. 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](mailto: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](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*

Maria Patyna, Marion Brydon, Baby Darling, John Coll, Martin Coll, 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, 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, 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, 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:*

Gerald Ellison, Lydia de Luca, Joseph McCauley, Mary Keaney, Joseph O'Brien, Alexander Sutherland, James Toole, James O'Donnell, John McGachie, John Monaghan, Thomas Martin, Peter Dailly, Mary Schram, John O'Niell, Frances Pelosi, Elizabeth Kilkenny, Edward Keane, Mary (Molly) McIver.

*May they rest in peace.*