

## 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 –20/21 June 2026 (Twelfth Sunday of the Year A)

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### Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service	No Service

### 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,*

*Today's gospel sees Jesus issuing a rallying cry to his beloved apostles. He wants them to be confident, be wholehearted and be unafraid in their preaching and living of his message. He wants them to live out to the full his message of "love God and love your neighbour as yourself".*

*In this age, we are the beloved apostles and perhaps a modern idiom would be "dance as if no one is watching!" Jesus wants us to live unselfconsciously as Christians and accept all that it will bring - secure in the knowledge that we are loved and saved.*

### Happy Birthday and Ordination Anniversary to Fr Alex

Congratulations to Fr Alex who celebrates both his birthday and the anniversary of his ordination, today, Sunday 21 June.

## Calling all Eucharistic Ministers

On Sat 27 June 10am to 12.30pm, St Catherine's Church Hall, there is an opportunity for all (Extraordinary) Ministers of the Eucharist from across our Cluster parishes to attend a morning of theological and practical training facilitated by Fr Kenneth Owens. A chance to ask questions and have a reminder and refresher of the importance of the Eucharist to our faith so we have a renewed appreciation of this ministry we offer to fellow parishioners. Please confirm your attendance by email to Sr Ninian [ninian601@gmail.com](mailto:ninian601@gmail.com) for St John Vianney's, Maureen Wallbanks [maureenw1@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:maureenw1@blueyonder.co.uk) for St Gregory's and Georgina Rosair [rosairg17@gmail.com](mailto:rosairg17@gmail.com) for St Catherine's.

## Alpha: Ten amazing weeks of witness, openness and joy

On Tuesday we had our last Alpha meeting. After sharing a lovely meal with our guests, we watched the film "What About The Church?" What is church to you? We experienced church every time we met together. We explored a lot of the big questions of life. Faith has deepened and relationships have been built up. Many have said how much they will miss our time together.

Special thanks to everyone who assisted us, in particular those who came to help with hospitality for the first time and those who were brave enough to support our small groups.

Above all, thanks to our guests for being willing to give it a go and for being so open and generous with their time. God bless you all.

## 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

On Tue 21 July at 7pm, a celebratory Mass will mark 40 years of priesthood of Fr Jock Dalrymple, former parish priest of St John Vianney's, at St John the Evangelist, Brighton Place, Portobello EH15 1LL, followed by a party in the hall and church. All welcome!

If you can't make the Tuesday evening you would be welcome to join the celebration at the 11.15am Mass on Sun 19 July (the day of the actual anniversary) at St Mary Magdalene's, Bingham Crossway, Edinburgh EH15 3HY.

Fr Jock requests no gifts; however, any donations for the Steka Children's Home in Blantyre, Malawi, and the nearby Vocational Skills Centre will be gratefully received. <https://www.stekaskills.com/>

## 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!

## Final Reminiscence Afternoon - 30 June

@ 1.30-3.30pm in Newington Trinity-Priestfield Church, 2 Marchall Place, EH16 5HW (near Commonwealth Pool). Sharing memories of the Southside, Edinburgh, tea and a chat. Southside Faith Care <https://www.southsidefaithcare.org/> aims to relieve the (chronic) social isolation and loneliness that many older people experience at times, or longer-term.

## 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 they will arrange for a priest on the hospital chaplaincy team to visit you.

## Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota

St Catherine's - Group 1 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's – Group 2 week beginning 29/6.

## 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>

## Remembering our Recently Deceased

Losing a Loved One is a very painful time for all their family and friends and as a faith community we keep them in our prayers and in our hearts. In both versions of the Cluster newsletter, we endeavour to promptly acknowledge the names of any Recently Deceased and include them continuously for six weeks. Also, all funerals in our three parishes are recorded in our deceased list and so their anniversaries appear each year.

Please be assured that, even after your Loved One's name no longer appears in the newsletter, we continue to hold them in our prayers. At our Bereavement Services on the second Saturday of each month you can light a candle in memory of your Loved One and have their name mentioned. The Services are held in St Gregory's at 9.30am. Please also be reminded that you can have your Loved One included in our Remembrance Gallery <https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/remembrance-gallery> Simply complete a Remembrance Notice

<https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/remembrance-notice> with a photo, dates and a short tribute, or alternatively, email us [southedclust@btinternet.com](mailto:southedclust@btinternet.com) the details and photo.

## Stage 'N' Slam

Is Young Life International's summer day camp for young people P7-S6 full of Arts, Sports and Fun! It's running from June 29-July 3rd, 1-8pm at Gracemount High School and Liberton Kirk Halls. We would love to see you there! Fill out this online form

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMcd6ByEzQgmA6SHIZym2IpU7sQkn05\\_uRRGtpMjpMzgJw3g/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMcd6ByEzQgmA6SHIZym2IpU7sQkn05_uRRGtpMjpMzgJw3g/viewform?pli=1) to sign-up, or contact Kristan Papirio for more information at [kristan.papirio@gmail.com](mailto:kristan.papirio@gmail.com) There are also flyers at the entry to the church.

## Currently needed

Cereal, diluting juice, tinned tuna, toilet rolls, toiletries.

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

As has been the case in previous years, the teams providing lunch are going to take a break during the school summer holidays. The final lunch before we close will be this coming Monday, 22 June. We will open again on Monday 17 August, but will remind you of that again nearer the time.

*With our best wishes, The Drop-in Lunch Teams*

## Thank you for your generous donations

We continue to be very grateful to all who support our faith communities financially through the weekly offertory collection, fundraising efforts and one-off gifts and donations. Heartfelt thanks to all our generous donors.

## Free and low-cost family holiday activities

The Whole Family Wellbeing Team (WFWT) has collated a list of free and low-cost activities to do during the summer school holidays. Please share. If you are aware of any other activities, please contact us. Also check out the Support for families webpages <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/family-activities/whats-families-holidays> for lots of other support and activities provided by different organisations throughout the year. For supporting children and young people with mental health and wellbeing visit the Mental health and wellbeing webpages. If you need any help finding support for you or your child, please email [supportingparentsandcarers@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:supportingparentsandcarers@edinburgh.gov.uk)

## Edinburgh Newman Association

'A Tainted Legacy' ~ Wed 24 June - 7.30-9pm @ Newington Trinity Church, Mayfield, EH9 1TQ. Jim Cargin, a long-term member of L'Arche, reflects on the legacy of Jean Vanier, six years on.

Bernadette Campbell writes: "A tainted legacy' expresses the situation confronting L'Arche since the shameful double-life of its founder, Jean Vanier, was exposed in February 2020". Jim Cargin

explores the issues thrown up by Vanier's ambiguous legacy. What is a mature response to the messy human truth that Jean Vanier, who did so much to revolutionize the way disability is seen in our world, had also secretly betrayed the very values he publicly advocated?

## From the Archbishop's Ad Clerum

### Consultation

Archbishop Cushley 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.

### 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*

Audrey Scott, Alla Pisotska, Maria Patyna, Marion Brydon, 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, 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

Anil Marcelline, Anthony Ward, Martin Walker, Mark McCann, Ronnie Doig, Anne Scott, Bruce Lynch, Maire McDonald, Frances McConnell.

*Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:*

Margaret Radin, Madge Calvey, Charles Quigley, James McDaid, Joe Stewart, Thomas Marron, David White, Catherine Hanlon, Frances Gibb, Isabel McManus, William Pryde, Annie Hughes, Jenny Smith, Sheila Todd, Kate Ferry, Kathleen (Kay) Lyall, Harry Daly, David Pryde, Cathy Moan, Willie de Luca, Margaret McCue Hunter, Hellen Witte. *May they rest in peace.*