

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 –27/28 June 2026

(St Peter and St Paul - Year A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 th	30 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
SG – 9.30am	No Service	SG – 9.30am	SG – 9.30am	SG – 9.30am

Next Weekend Mass times:

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In today's gospel, Jesus asks two decisive questions. Who do people say I am? Who is Jesus to the people around us who have no connection with faith or church? Do we have our antenna up to detect any curiosity or even longing?

Jesus' second question is: Who do you say I am? Who is Jesus to me? Do I nurture my relationship with him? Am I, like Peter and Paul, prepared to share that treasure with someone who might be looking for it? A willingness to listen can lead to a conversation and conversations can lead to an invitation to "come and see", for example in the Alpha Course or 'The Chosen' small groups we hope to start after the summer (see below). The Holy Spirit will do the rest.

Coming soon: "The Chosen"

After the summer break we are hoping to have some small "Chosen" groups in our Custer. The Chosen is a multi-series TV portrayal of the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of his disciples - The Chosen. It started in 2019 through crowdfunding and is now a global phenomenon on Amazon Prime. Over 280 million people across 175 countries have now seen it. People have responded really well to the portrayal of Jesus and his companions. They are relatable, down to earth characters and this has helped many discover more about the amazing story of the Gospels.

Look out for more information on The Chosen over the summer. Meanwhile here is the Season One trailer <https://watch.thechosen.tv/video/184683594442?language=en&position=0>

Sacred Arts Festival 16-22 August

The Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts <https://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/> brings a distinctively spiritual voice to the Edinburgh Fringe, celebrating 2000 years of Christian-inspired creativity through music, visual art, poetry, performance, and architecture. This week of events <https://www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/programme> hosted in historic churches across the city, unites artists and audiences in memorable encounters with beauty, meaning, and imagination.

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/>

Holy Rood RC High School - Well done

Holy Rood is the Catholic Secondary School for all of our parishes. We are pleased to be able to share the result of their recent HMIE Inspection with you, which was outstanding. A résumé by the Chair of their Parent Council, Julie Harris, highlights important information about the outcome of the inspection. Click here to read the full report <https://educationinspectorate.gov.scot/find-an-inspection-report/details/?id=2983>

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 2 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's - Group 3 week beginning 6/7

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 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 to sign-up, or contact Kristan Papirio for more information at kristan.papirio@gmail.com There are also flyers at the entry to the church.

Teas & coffees - Summer break

Please note that St Catherine's teas & coffees will take a summer break from 5 July to 16 Aug. St Gregory's and St John Vianney's teas & coffees will also take their summer break and resume in September. Thank you, ladies, for keeping the teas & coffees flowing. ☺ Enjoy your summer break. ☀

Save the Date!

Soup, Pudding & Ceilidh. Family Afternoon - Sat 22 Aug 1.00-4pm. Tickets £5.

Bollywood Night! Buffet included. Sat 29 Aug 7.00-11pm: Tickets £10.

More details to follow...

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



From the Foodbank: Thank you (to St Catherine's primary) so much for bringing in the very generous donation today - it weighed a total of 123kg! This will help us greatly in providing for the people most in need in our community.

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

From the Archbishop's Ad Clerum

Concert at the Cathedral

A renowned Australian choir sing a special choral Mass at 12:45pm on Wednesday 1 July followed at 7:30pm by a free concert at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. The ensemble is from St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, and this is a rare opportunity to hear this acclaimed Australian Catholic choir in Scotland.

Visit of relics of St Gerard Majella

The relics of St Gerard Majella will be at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh, on Saturday 18 July. Entrance of the relics at 10:00am with devotions and talk, Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 11:30am. Mass at 12:30pm followed by blessing with the relics.

Brecbannoch Pilgrimage 2026

A pilgrimage to pray for the renewal of the Faith in Scotland, from 31 July to 3 August, with a walk across the Isle of Mull, returning the relics of St Columba to Iona. Discounts are available for students and under-22s, and under-5s go free. Visit brecbannoch.co.uk Archdiocesan events

Events are listed at 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.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Rasael Gasis, Maria Riza, Johannes Wulff, John McIlhone, Thomas Bull, Mary Ewart, George Docherty, Joseph Polack, Annie MacKinnon, Danny Boyle, Grace Easton, Jean Reynolds, Martin Cairney, Samuel McKeen, Georgine (Ina) Connelly, Cornelius Healy, Mary Packwood, Peter Martin Solomons, Michael Rodgers.

May they rest in peace.

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