

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 –04/05 July 2026 (Fourteenth Sunday of Year A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
No Service	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

Laying Down Your Burdens

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29)

Adults: When has Jesus refreshed you when you felt burdened by problems?

Children: What burden do you need Jesus to help you carry?

Summer break for e-newsletter

The e-newsletter will take a three-week break over the weekends of 11/12 July, 18/19 July and 25/26 July. We will be back on 1/2 August. Carol will very kindly continue producing the paper newsletter and a digital copy can be found on our home page each week.

Grateful thanks to Carol and our website team Alfred and Enrique for their faithful service to the Cluster.

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

The scale of destruction is huge; over a thousand people have been killed, with more severely injured, and the country's hospitals under extreme pressure. If you would like to help the people of Venezuela, you can donate to SCIAF <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/967-venezuela-earthquake-appeal> or the Disaster Emergency Committee <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/venezuela-earthquake-appeal> which brings together 15 leading aid charities (e.g. CAFOD, Christian Aid). Further active humanitarian crisis appeals you can donate to on their respective websites include the Middle East/Holy Land, Myanmar after their earthquake, and the Emergency Hunger Appeal in southern Malawi, and across sub-Saharan Africa.

"The Chosen" - update

As you know we're hoping to have some small house groups meeting after the summer to watch Season One of The Chosen. To make this happen we will need hosts, people who are prepared to generously open up their homes once a week to no more than 4-6 people for around two hours (cuppa, film, short discussion). All that is required is a cup of tea/coffee and access to either Amazon Prime, a DVD player, or the ability to mirror share from your phone. There's no rush so please do give this invitation some thought. If you need any further information, please email us southedclust@btinternet.com

We aim to run our 8-week viewing w/b 24 August to w/b 12 October. Groups will be autonomous and flexible as to when they meet. The episodes last around an hour, and the host can decide on timings and which time of day suits them - mornings, evenings or perhaps a Saturday. Sign-up sheets will be appearing over the holidays so please look out for them. Meantime, watch more of The Chosen here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1-FoFj8Jbo> *Mary Morrison*

Eco Circle

'Magnifica humanitas' is Pope Leo's first encyclical letter. Its message is very clear - "AI must serve humanity not concentrate power". As political, economic and technological power is concentrated within a small circle of rich people, it is important that people become more aware of what their faith teaches them about this crucial matter. The Eco Circle has chosen to read Magnifica Humanitas as a group. **We meet on Zoom each Tuesday at 5.30pm for 30 minutes.** We will go through the letter, pausing to discuss and question the issues arising. We would love for others to join us for this period. To register please email Mike Mineter jp.seecat@gmail.com or if you want to read the encyclical letter go here

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

Bingo Night ~ Mon 27 July

7pm in St Catherine's hall, organised as usual by Maureen Philips. Everyone welcome to attend. Bingo books are £1 for one, £3 for three and £5 for six books. Refreshments are £1 tea/coffee and £1 if you want a piece of cake.

Successful Beetle Drive

Maureen Philips reports that the Beetle Drive raised £500 from those in attendance and those who donated but could not attend, as well as the donations bucket. We have it on good authority that it was a hilarious evening! Thanks to one and all.

Cluster Fair Trade

Thanks for your support

We took over £100 back to the Just World Shop in Portobello. Our next stall at St Catherine's will be after the summer holidays on 30 August. We look forward to seeing you there. If anyone is interested in helping at the stall or doing collection or return of goods, it would be great to hear from you. If you aren't in a position to help but would be interested in being part of planning our Fair Trade Fortnight event please let me know. It would be great to extend our pool of volunteers. To find out more please email me patricia57gillian@gmail.com. Thanks very much. Tricia Kaminski

Lourdes Pilgrimage Welcome Mass

In preparation for the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (10-17 July), there will be a Mass in St Cuthbert's, Slateford Road, Edinburgh, this Sunday (5 July) to which all are welcome. Please note this Mass will be at 3:30pm, half an hour later than previously notified.

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.

Summer Holiday Club 6th July - 6th August

Please contact Good Trees Community Centre if you are interested.

All children from P1-P7 welcome. There are lots of activities including sports, games, dancing and inflatables. Lots more and its free. From 10.30am to 1.30pm on Monday and Thursday. Breakfast and lunch provided.

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/>

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 3 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>

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

Multi packs crisps, sponge puddings, custard, coffee, instant mash, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel.

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 Archbishop's Ad Clerum

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, 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

James Newton, Anil Marcelline, Anthony Ward, Martin Walker, Mark McCann, Ronnie Doig, Anne Scott.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Owen Healy, Paul Korochich, Jean Nixon, Patrick Boyle, Jimmy Connolly, William Hutton, Edward Bruton, Rita Deegan, Michael Egan, James O'Donnell, John Lawson, John Dodds, Joan Conway, Lyndsay O'Hara, Michael McGeever, Mary MacKenzie, Mary Watson, Harry Salvona, Janet Cuthill, James Mushet, Theresa Meehan, Lyndsay O'Hara, Harry Salvona.

May they rest in peace.