

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 – 11/12 July 2026 (Fifteenth Sunday of Year A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th
No Service	No Service	No service	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

Seeds of Faith

Jesus said, "Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." (Matthew 13:7-8)

Adults: How do you provide "good soil" for the faith of others to grow?

Children: What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?

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.

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.

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.

Cluster Walking Group: July Walk

On Saturday 18 July 2026 we will follow the John Muir Way from Bo'ness to South Queensferry. The terrain is mixed and there are some inclines along the way. It is a walk of 10½ miles, and we expect it to take between 4 and 5½ hours (which includes a stop for lunch – please bring a packed lunch). Unfortunately, there aren't any drop-out points along the walk. Blackness no longer has a bus service on a Saturday, so the only option is to complete the full walk to Bo'ness.

Please meet at Edinburgh Bus Station (off St Andrews Square). We will take the 09:40 service No. 909 from there to Bo'ness. The Service 43 will take us back from South Queensferry to Edinburgh. 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

St Gregory's Newly Formed Fundraising Team

Invite the cluster parishioners to take part and support our fundraising efforts to boost our funds. These are some events planned:

Weekly Bonus Ball – 59 numbers - £30 to parish £29 to winner

Family quiz Night: Sat 19 Sept 7.30-9.30pm (after Vigil Mass) - £5 per team

Lourdes HCPT Fundraiser Sat 26 Sept 2-4pm

Hallowe'en Family Fun Night Guys and Ghouls Fri 23 Oct 6.30-8.30pm

Scottish Family Night Fri 20 Nov 7-10pm

Christmas Raffle Night Teas & Coffees 19 Dec 7-9pm (after Vigil Mass)

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 4 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's – Group 4 week beginning 20/7

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!

St Catherine's: 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

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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

Special Collections

I am afraid we have been remiss in taking up the archdiocesan special collections! Apologies for that. There should have been collections on 21 June (Day for Life) and 28 June (Peter's Pence). What we propose is to have the **Day for Live collection next weekend on 18/19th July** and **Peter's Pence two weeks later on 31st July/1st August.**

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.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Bridie Docherty, May Thomson, Pat Gordon, Charlotte Farrell, Alice Mary Gormley, Thomas Murray, Mary Coates, Jean Haynes, John Stanton, Michael Calvey, Annabelle Wilson, Ann Malone, James Bull, Thomas Murray, Ruby Blackwell, Charles Burnett Burns, James McKeachan MacMillan, Peter Henderson, Thomas Gardiner, Allan MacLean, Michael McLaughlin, Thomas Paterson, Inge Downie, Sr May Lewis, James Costello, John Meldrum, Loreta Visco Di Marco, Patrick Hackett, Joeler Bayoges, Jeannette Mulgrew, Alex Cameron.

May they rest in peace.