

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 – 18/19 July 2026

(Sixteenth Sunday of Year A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th
No Service	No Service	SG – 9.30am	SG – 9.30am	SG – 9.30am

Next Weekend Mass times:

St Gregory's

Saturday

6pm

St John Vianney

Sunday

9.30am (in St Gregory's)

St Catherine's

Sunday

11.00am

Overcoming Weakness

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

Adults: What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?

Children: When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?

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

Now in its seventh year, the Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts is an integral part of the Fringe. Drawing on the rich Christian inheritance in music, visual art, architecture, drama, poetry and film, it brings churches, artists, performers and musicians together, enabling them to make a significant contribution to the cultural life of the City at Festival time. The 2026 Festival of the Sacred Arts will run from Sunday August 16th to Saturday August 22nd. An opening service in St Giles Cathedral is followed by a week of recitals, competition finals, poetry readings, drama and film screening, and an art exhibition – 'Bordering on the Sacred' – to which artists from all over Scotland have contributed. 'Exploring Sacred Space' is a series of guided tours, organised in conjunction with the National Churches Trust, which offers the opportunity to explore some of Edinburgh's less well-known architectural glories. The week ends with the beautiful evening service of Orthodox Vespers. Tickets for all events, many of which are free, can be obtained from the Fringe Box Office or Eventbrite through the Festival website www.edinburghsacredartsfestival.org/programme Programmes available at the back of church.

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 5 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

This week there is **urgent need** for UHT milk and toilet rolls. 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; **please note the new email address:** southeastedinburghfoodbank@gmail.com



From the Archbishop's Ad Clerum

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 Life collection this weekend 18/19th July** and **Peter's Pence 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

Sam Munro, Keith, Stephen Addison, Audrey Scott, Alla Pisotska, 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, 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

Moira Cosgrove, James Newton, Anil Marcelline, Anthony Ward, Martin Walker.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Paddy Roarty, Pat Mulgrew, Duncan Balloch, Tracey Marie Davidson, Elizabeth Pamanes, George Monkhouse, James Ritchie, Robert Burns, Patrick Skilling, Kevin Conway, Kathleen (Bunty) Martin, Margaret Thomson, George More, Jay Anderson, Alice Davey, Mary Cafferkey, Mr Mielnicki, Eileen Iwanow, Mary Naughton McKenzie, Isabella Brown, James McNally, Mary Ferry, Helen Bagan, Norma Meehan, Colin Phillips, Annie Wallace, Kate Selby.

May they rest in peace.