

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 – 01/02 August 2026 (Eighteenth Sunday of Year A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
SG – 9.30am	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

Acting with Courage

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Adults: To whom could you bring assurance of Christ's love this week?

Children: Jesus fed the crowds today. How does he offer you spiritual nourishment?

"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*

Next Bereavement Service Sat 8 August

9.30am @ St Gregory's. Candles are lit for family and friends of the Cluster who have died in the last month, or if there's an anniversary of a loved one, please say when you arrive. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. For more information, email Jacinta or call 07791 332753.

Lourdes Grotto Candles

George and Theresa Muldoon recently visited Lourdes and writes that "parishioners gave us money to put up candles. This candle was blessed by the Archbishop." He goes on to say that the donations also allowed for £75 to be donated to the grotto. A big thank you to all for their generosity.

We hope you all had a wonderful time in Lourdes and have returned with many fond memories.

200 Club

June and July winners

The June and July winning numbers were 22 and 80 respectively. Both winners received £74 - congratulations to both. There are still numbers available so if you are interested get in touch with either myself or Jacinta Flockhart. £10 per number to cover the draws until end November. All in a good cause. Ann Callaghan

SEECAT Talk: The Work of Hadeel

Wed 5 August @ 1.30pm, following 12.30pm Eucharist & Sandwich Lunch at St Barnabas' Episcopal Church, 4 Moredun Park View, Edinburgh EH17 7NE.

An illustrated talk by Deryck Collingwood (of St Barnabas'), who volunteers with Hadeel, the exquisite Palestinian shop at 123 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4JN. Deryck has deep experience from time in Palestine/Israel.

If possible, please let us know if you will be at lunch: phone 07514 513695 or email us dcollingwood131@btinternet.com

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)

St Gregory's SVDP – new bank details

For anyone who wants to donate to St Gregory's SVDP their bank account details have changed. Sort code 83-07-06; Account number 19998153; Account name SSVP AE01092.

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 5 week beginning 3/8.

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

Venerable Margaret Sinclair Pilgrimage

This year's pilgrimage takes place on Sunday 20 September at St Patrick's Church in The Cowgate, Edinburgh. It's the annual opportunity to come together to pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Margaret Sinclair, entombed in the Sacred Heart chapel at St Patrick's. Schedule: 12:30pm - Sale of candles & goods, refreshments; 1:30pm - Holy Hour (exposition and benediction); 3:00pm - Reflection from Canon Jock Dalrymple; 4:30pm - Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cushley (Homilist: Fr Michael John Galbraith).

Events are listed at archedinburgh.org/events

Special Collections

This weekend at our cluster masses we have the delayed special collection for **Peter's Pence**.

My Day by Day Booklets

The August booklet is now available. Please take one. A donation of £1 would help with the costs.

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, 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

Betty McKendrick, Jane Creedon, Moira Cosgrove, James Newton.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

John McGinley, Helen Lockhart, George McDonald, Hugh O'Brien, Benny Goodwin, Peter Clark (snr). Agnes Martin, John McClafferty, Joan Quigley, James Muldoon, Mary Malone. Aneta Macaulay, Elizabeth Doherty, John Gallagher, Elizabeth Lennon, Margaret Kidd, Jean Morrison, Pam White, Peter Clark, Cissie Mulroy, Jane Meek Brown, Mary McCann, George C Stewart, Margaret Pryde, Matthew Bryson, Aneta Elzbieta Macaulay, Rosemary Boyle, George Hendry, Jeffrey Sagova.

May they rest in peace.