

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 – 08/09 August 2026 (Nineteenth Sunday of Year A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 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

Faith in the Lord

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31)

Adults: When have you doubted the loving care of God for you as the apostles did in the boat?

Children: How do you know that Jesus is with you at all times?

Becoming a Catholic/ RCIA - What's that got to do with you?

Are you, or somebody you know, thinking about becoming a Catholic? Perhaps a friend, neighbour, work colleague, or a member of your family? It might be someone who has no experience of church, or someone who wants to further explore their faith life.

We will be starting RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) during September and are holding an initial meeting on Sun 30 August, immediately after 11am Mass in the side chapel at St Catherine's – lunch will be provided.

If you are inviting somebody to think about RCIA, it would be great if you could come along to that meeting with them – walking into a place they are unfamiliar with can be difficult for some people. Please email us southedclust@btinternet.com if you'd like more information. There will also be leaflets at the weekend Masses of 15/16 August.

"The Chosen" - Not long to go!

Hi folks, there is still time to sign up to our Chosen groups which will be starting week beginning 24 August. This is an opportunity to help build up community and mission in a relaxed and enjoyable way. Watch the life and ministry of Jesus unfold as never before over a series of eight episodes and see where it takes you. Sign-up sheets are at the back of each church or email us southedclust@btinternet.com . Meantime, watch some more of The Chosen here <https://www.facebook.com/InsideTheChosen/videos/1006089390111740/?mibextid=wwXIfr&rdid=1vqjuRCwF3OJq3Td> . *Mary Morrison*

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.

Sacred Arts Festival 16-22 August

The Edinburgh Festival of the Sacred Arts 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, hosted in historic churches across the city, unites artists and audiences in memorable encounters with beauty, meaning, and imagination. 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.

Festival at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral

7-31 August. During Festival time, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral hosts a superb and varied programme of music, art, drama and worship, all taking place in the beautiful space of the Cathedral, 23 Palmerston Place, Edinburgh EH12 5AW. <https://www.cathedral.net/whats-on/festival-2026>

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.

Soup, Pudding & Ceilidh Family Afternoon

Sat 22 Aug, 1-4pm in St Catherine's Hall. Tickets: £5 pp or £15 family of 4. Fancy some family fun? Come and meet old friends and make new friends and bring the children too. Let's build on getting to know our church community better. Tickets available after each Mass or in the church hall from this weekend 8/9 August. See you there!

Bollywood Night Fundraiser!

Sat 29 Aug @ 6pm in St Catherine's Hall (please note the earlier time). Enjoy a fantastic evening of an Indian buffet, Bollywood dance, entertainment, bingo, and music by DJ Annu. Come along for a great night. Tickets £10 per adult and £5 for children under 12. Bring your own bottle & extra cash for games. Fundraiser for St Catherine's. Tickets on sale at the back of the church after 11am Mass at St Catherine's from Sun 9 August or contact Vidya on 07880 325830.

Thank You

Many thanks to all who came along to our recent **Bingo Night** and helped to raise **£340.05**.

St Catherine's Primary

August Newsletter - <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/kXNdQOLRnRAaZ29q>

New and seasoned pupils and parents are welcomed with a newsletter bursting with key dates and events (Bingo night on 7 Oct), updates on the new school build, pictures on First Communions and P7 Leavers Night, the summer fair, bike security marking by the community police, the new benefits & money advice session dates, net zero superheroes, and St Catherine's Primary's very own Playground World Cup. Who knew?! Librarian wanted for a couple of hours a week.

Transition Edinburgh South

Summer Garden Party - Sat 22 Aug, 11am-2pm @ Gracemount Mansion Gardens, top of Gracemount House Drive, Edinburgh, EH16 6FD. Join us for a free Summer Garden Party celebrating community, nature, and the joy of spending time outdoors. This family-friendly event is open to everyone and promises a relaxed afternoon with plenty to enjoy. Free hot food, crafts and family-friendly activities, live music and dancing. Whether you're a regular visitor or discovering the gardens for the first time, come along, meet your neighbours and enjoy a welcoming community celebration.

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 1 week beginning 17/8.

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>

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

My Day by Day Booklets

The August booklet is now available. These booklets give the readings for each day of the week. Please take one. A donation of £1 would be appreciated to 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

Jackie Flockhart, baby Jack, Evan McKay, 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, 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

Sr Rosemary Bayne, Evelyn Davidson, Mary Campbell, Betty McKendrick, Jane Creedon, Moira Cosgrove, James Newton.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

John Slaven, Patrick Gildea, Janet Clark, Danny Boyle, Frank Goodwin, Jane Catherine McMillan, Bruce Cormack, Mary Frances Bee, Ina McIntyre, Annie Cullen, Sister Mary Barbara Tracey, Teresa Boyle, Catherine (Cissie) Ponari, Maria McGinley (Baby), Ewen Neal Wylie, Wilma Lothian Hewat.

May they rest in peace.