

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 – 15/16 August 2026

(The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
SG – 9.30am	No Service	No service	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

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The Feast of the Assumption honours Our Lady's body and was declared after the horrors of the Second World War, when the human body was so marred and dishonoured by acts of violence and hatred. Our loving heavenly Father God honours and loves our bodies. We are created out of love and God longs for us to allow him to hold us in his love, accepting the gift of our bodies and God's love for us. Choose to listen to the loving voice of God in how we view our own bodies. Then we can honour ourselves and others with our bodies. On this special Feast let us ask for Our Lady to pray for us and comfort us in her perfect maternal love.

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 our Masses this weekend.

Cluster Walking Group - Midweek Walk - Wed 26 August

Our second midweek walk this year will take us through Dalkeith Country Park and along the River Esk, finishing at Fisherrow Harbour, Musselburgh. Approx. 4¾ miles and 1½-2½ hours. It is reasonably flat and on a decent path. For those who would like a shorter distance, you can walk from Dalkeith to Whitecraigs (2 miles) where there is a bus service to Dalkeith and Musselburgh. Please meet at 10am outside St Mary's Episcopal Church at the entrance to Dalkeith Country Park. Bus services 3, 48, 140 and 141 take you to Dalkeith. Please bring a packed lunch for when we reach Musselburgh. Several buses will take us back to the City Centre. Everybody warmly welcome, whether you have walked with us before or not. Email us southedclust@btinternet.com for further information.

SEECAT Retreat / Day of Recollection 2026

Sat 5 Sept, 10am - 4pm in the hall of Liberton Northfield (280 Gilmerton Road). Starting with tea/coffee, it will be a mixture of prayer, worship, sharing (for those who wish to), short talks and reflecting – hopefully something for everybody. The theme this year is "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you". Everybody is very welcome. No need to book, just come on the day. Please bring a pack lunch. If you have any questions, or need any additional information, please email us southedclust@btinternet.com

Sr Rosemary Bayne RIP

Sr Rosemary will be buried from St Ignatius Church in Wishaw. The funeral Mass will be at 9.30am on Thurs 20 August. She will be laid to rest in Cambusnethan Cemetery, Kirk Road, Wishaw, at the Helpers of the Holy Souls plot. There will be a Memorial Mass in the Cluster Parish for Sr Rosemary, the date will be announced soon.

Drop-in Lunch starts again Mon 17 August

After a break during the school summer holidays, our Drop-in Lunch resumes every Monday in St Catherine's Hall. Doors open and tea and coffee is served from 11.30am. Lunch is served from 12noon to 1pm. This is no charge. Everybody is welcome. Please do come along and join us for a blether and a bite to eat.

Marie Curie Health and Well-Being event

Sun 23 Aug @ 11.30am in the James Watt Building at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. For cancer patients in active treatment and recovery, their carers, family, and friends. Whether you're looking for information or support, this free event brings together a range of organisations and experts. There will be guest speakers, support and advice from cancer charities and specialist support services, tea, coffee and light refreshments, and much more. Please register in advance to secure your free place. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/health-well-being-event-edinburgh-tickets-1990486691276>

Songs Of Unity Workshop & Concert

Sat 29 Aug, workshop 11.30am - 5pm, concert 7pm. Join Kim Edgar (choir leader at Sacred Heart church Lauriston St) for a day of uplifting singing at Stockbridge Parish Church (bring your own lunch). No experience or music-reading required. Learn hopeful community songs around themes of peace, justice, and our shared humanity, then perform in the evening concert as part of the Fringe at 7pm. Email Kim to join in kimtedgar@hotmail.com Participation is on a "pay what you can" basis. This event is being publicised by SEECAT.

CAFOD

Suffering in the Holy Land

CAFOD (Catholic Aid For Overseas Development) writes: "One of the greatest obstacles to building peace in the Holy Land is the ongoing expansion of (Israeli) illegal settlements which displace Palestinian families...settlers are using this land to grow and export produce – such as dates and wine... We must stop the trading of all goods and services produced on land that has been illegally occupied. Write to the trade secretary today demanding that the UK follows... countries such as Spain and Ireland and bans trade with illegally occupied Palestinian land."

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/196290/action/1?j=1077164>

David (PG)

From Fri 21 Aug, daily at 12.45pm at both Edinburgh Vue cinemas. When the giant Goliath rises to terrorize a nation, a young shepherd armed with only a sling and a few stones steps forward. Pursued by power and driven by purpose, his journey tests the limits of loyalty, love, and courage. You probably know the story this far but follow David's many adventures on his way to become king. Watch the first 10 minutes here

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_4hqFphGIHk&list=PLMHTJB0PTFONr-mMSsGFFUI7FTffBL9r6&index=18 .

Tickets from just £7.99 (£6.99 to age 14) if booked online. Watch the trailer & book at Omni Centre

<https://www.myvue.com/cinema/edinburgh-omni-centre/film/david> or Ocean Terminal

<https://www.myvue.com/cinema/edinburgh-ocean-terminal/film/david>

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!

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 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

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

Mary Moschini, Evan McKay, Jackie Flockhart, baby Jack, 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, Isodoro Fulgencio, Margaret Hendry, Bill Watt, Monika, Jeanette Bell, Ralph, Carson, 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.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Margaret Waugh, Canon Stephen Judge, Molly Mary McGlone, Daniel O'Donnell Snr, Neville McKay, Wilma Lavery, Margaret Waugh, Augustine Clark, Mellie Coyle, Maggie Ferry, Catherine Withers, Mina Crossland, Bridget O'Donnell, Thomas Mann, Janet Warburton, Sandra Quigley, Ann Mulvey, Norah Morrison, Michael Gormley, Rev. William Boyle, Michael Gilroy, Philip Colvin, Sarah Anne Byrne, William Glenwright (Jnr), Marie Taylor, Anne Carlin, Francis (Frank) John Richards, Patrick Boyle.

May they rest in peace.