

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 – 5/6 September 2026

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th
SC 12noon – Funeral John Mattocks SG 1.30pm – Funeral John McConnell	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 Sisters and Brothers,

Of all that we do together to promote God's reign, the hardest may be our gentle mutual correction. Most of us dislike being told we're wrong. But some of my friends love me enough to tell me when I'm way off base and need to examine my motives. Sometimes it's enough to hear it from one person. Sometimes, I need to hear it from every direction before I'm ready to change. I value this honesty in my life, because I can't always punch my own way out of ignorance. My friends know how dearly I want to hear "yes" in heaven, so they're willing to say "no" to me in the here and now.

[Adapted from 'The Transforming Word' by Alice Camille]

RCIA 2026-27

Our RCIA programme will run fortnightly, starting on Sunday 20 September. It will take place at St Catherine's (in the side chapel) starting at 12:30 and finishing at 14:00, with lunch provided. We ask everybody to pray for our enquirers and for the RCIA Team who will journey with them. If you, or someone you know, couldn't come to the Information Session on 30 August, but is interested in RCIA, please do come and join us on Sunday 20 September.

SEECAT Pilgrimage Walk Saturday 12 September

We will be continuing our annual Season of Creation pilgrimage walk with the theme of Water of Life, on Saturday 12th. We will start at Bridgend Farmhouse Peace Garden at 10.00 and our route will be 6+ miles, taking in Wells o'Weerie, Dunsapie Loch, and St Margaret's Loch, with opportunities for prayer, silence and reflection, noticing how God's ways are revealed to us in urban greenspaces. Bring a packed lunch and dress for all weathers! For full details and itinerary there will be posters soon, and see <https://seecat.org/pilgrimage/> or email pilgrim@seecat.org.

The West Bank Today: Facing the Abyss

Sat 12 Sept @ 7pm, St James Scottish Episcopal Church, 11a John St, Leith EH6 7E. Speakers from Hebron International Resource Network (HIRN). Hear first-hand accounts from those on the ground in Palestine and gain a deeper understanding of the realities facing communities every day. Learn about their incredible work, the impact it is making, and how your support can bring hope and lasting change. Tickets which are free, but donations welcome, are available from Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-west-bank-today-facing-the-abyss-tickets-1997903951501>
Mike Mineter has travelled with HIRN in the West Bank three times, seeing their amazing work in building schools, playgrounds; supporting students; and helping beleaguered Palestinian communities - such as Umm Al Kheir now under dire threat.

St Gregory's fundraising Team

The **first Monthly Fundraiser** is on **Saturday 19th September – Family Quiz Night** 7.30-9.30pm (after the vigil Mass). Tickets cost £2.00 will be available soon from Jacinta at SG, Anne Spence SJV and Roseanne Allison SC. Come and join us for a fun-filled evening. Thank you for your continued support.

St Gregory's 200 Club

Ann Callaghan writes "The 200 Club winner for end August was no 46 and the lucky winner got £74. £74 went to St Gregory's also. Thanks, as ever, for your ongoing support, it is much appreciated."

Thank you for making our Bollywood night a success!

🙏 A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Bollywood Night Fundraiser. Your presence, generosity and enthusiasm made the evening truly special, and together we raised an amazing £700 for the church! We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped organise, contribute and participate. Thank you for helping us make it such a wonderful and successful evening! ❤️

Next Bereavement Service: Sat 12 September @ 9.30am in 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. If you would like more information, email Jacinta or phone her on 664 5581.

St Catherine's Primary Newsletter

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Rw5RWJ9dlBdz6HuG?ref=Link>

Litter Picking Morning Sat 26 Sept

10am-12 noon at Burdiehouse Burn Local Nature Reserve. Meet at Lasswade Road gate (Parking at Gracemount Leisure Centre). Even an hour of litter picking can make a real difference. Bring your kids along! Everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity for the whole family to get involved, meet other people, enjoy the outdoors, and help keep our local environment clean. Afterwards, stay for

lunch and enjoy Fr Alex's delicious soup at St Catherine's Hall. Email us at ecocluster@ik.me by Thu 10 Sept to tell us you will come or with any questions as we need to inform the Council of numbers. See you there!

All materials (black bags, litter pickers, gloves) supplied, and all rubbish taken away by the Council. Just bring water and a snack if you wish. Picture: Litter collected on a previous occasion by a small group of adults and children in under two hours. This is a private initiative by a few Cluster parishioners.

Annual St Columba's Justice & Peace Mass

Mon 7 Sept @ 7pm at St Columba's, 9 Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh. All welcome. The main celebrant and preacher is Fr Daniel Magaji. The Justice and Peace Group warmly invite you to join them in the upstairs hall afterwards for light refreshments. No booking required.

Reminiscence Afternoons – Southside Faith Care

Join us for refreshments and chat about your recollections of days gone by, with Memory Boxes and Guest Speakers on **Tuesdays 1.30 – 3.30pm** at Newington Trinity – Priestfield, 2 Marchhall Place, EH16 5HW. The first is **School Days** on **Tuesday 8th September**. See notice on noticeboard for upcoming events.

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 3 week beginning 14/9.

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

Crisps, small jars of coffee, tinned tomatoes, chocolate treats, savoury biscuits. 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



Urge your MP to Reject Westminster Assisted Suicide Bill

Please contact your MP today and urge them to vote no to assisted suicide in the UK Parliament. Vulnerable people must be protected, proper care strengthened, and compassion, dignity and support prioritised over assisted suicide. Find your MP at: <https://members.parliament.uk/members/commons>

From the Archbishop's Ad Clerum

Events are listed at archedinburgh.org/events

Mass with the African community

Celebrate Mass with the African community in Fife at 2:00pm on Sunday 20 September at St Margaret's Catholic Church, East Port, Dunfermline. Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall after Mass. All welcome.

Poverty in Scotland: can we do more?

An event to dive into the reality of poverty in Scotland. We'll hear from a range of speakers working on the frontline, discuss what's being done and explore ways we can do more to help. It's a chance to connect, share ideas, and spark change. It takes place on Saturday 3 October, 10:30am-4:00pm at, The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB. Register at bit.ly/povertyinscotland

Volunteer to Support Children with Special Needs in Edinburgh

Three new adult volunteers are needed for the newly forming Children SPRED (Special Religious Development) group meeting at George Square in Edinburgh on Fridays from 3pm-4pm. The spiritual programme for children with special needs fosters communion with Jesus Christ within the Catholic community of faith. Please contact Sister Mary Benedicta Maier, RSM (srmmary.benedicta@staned.org.uk) if you are interested in learning about becoming a SPRED volunteer catechist for this new Edinburgh children's group.

You are held in prayer



Those who are unwell and in need of our prayers: Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are unwell

John Moore, Vivian Murphy, Peter Monkhouse, 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, Isadoro 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, 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

John McConnell, John Mattocks, Patrick Maher, Chris Ovenden, Mary Moschini, Marie Martin, Sr Rosemary Bayne, Evelyn Davidson, Mary Campbell, Betty McKendrick, Jane Creedon.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Maria Espino, Bridget Callaghan, Mary Reynolds, Charles O'Donnell, Florence Edith Beitlich, John McMillan, William Kean MacMillan, John Patrick Boyle, Robert Millar, Bridget Rennie, Sr M. Immaculata Murray, Richard Lennon, Alexander Black, Frank Martin, Anne Anderson, Auriol Murphy, Joseph (Joe) Callaghan, James Alphonso D'Souza.

May they rest in peace

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