

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 – 26/27 September 2026

(26th Sunday of the Year - A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 th	29 th	30 th	1 st	2 nd
SG – 9.30am	SC – 11.00am Funeral Mass Patrick Maher	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 parable in today's gospel asks us a question. The answer to it shows that Jesus is more interested in our actions than our words. If our actions don't reflect Christ's teachings, then we aren't following him. Our words should be useful, but our actions are crucial.

Upcoming Funerals

Patrick Maher – Tuesday 29 September, Funeral Mass 11.00am at St Catherine's.

Jim Glancy – Thursday 15 October, Funeral Mass 11.00am at St Catherine's, burial 12 noon at Mount Vernon.

RCIA 2026-27

Our RCIA programme continues next Sunday, 4 October. 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 along to the first session, but is interested in RCIA, please do come and join us on Sunday 4 October.

Registering for preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

As you will know, our parishes, families and schools work together each year to prepare our young people for the sacraments of First Reconciliation (Primary 3), First Holy Communion (Primary 4), and Confirmation (Primary 7). If you would like to register to enrol your child in the sacramental preparation program, please use one (or more) of the following QR codes:



In a change to previous years, you must register your child using this process irrespective of which school your child attends.

Please note that the **deadline** for registering is **Saturday 31 October 2026**.

Deepening Our Appreciation of the Eucharist

Over four Sunday afternoons you are invited to come to **St Peter's**, 77 Falcon Avenue, EH10 4AN, for a series on deepening our appreciation of the Eucharist. Discussion, reflection, prayer and worship for each session will be initiated by a short video from the *Aquinas Institute*. There will then be the opportunity to reflect further on the themes raised, all of which are linked to the Eucharist. The first session is entitled ***Is the Catholic Eucharist in the bible? The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist***, Sunday 20th September 1 – 3pm. Each of the sessions is stand alone but builds to an overall teaching on the Eucharist. Please email office.stpeteredinburgh@staned.org.uk to let them know if you wish to participate.

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 third is on *Maria Short's Observatory on Calton Hill – Popular Entertainment or a Disgrace to the City?* – Explore with Guest Speaker Catherine Booth. Tuesday 6 October. See notice on noticeboard for upcoming events.

Thank You

St Gregory's Fundraising team would like to thank parishioners for supporting the fundraising quiz night & continuing to support the weekly bonus ball this month's total was £432.00 to help boost our funds. *Thank you, Jacinta*

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 28/9.

Memorial Mass for Sr Rosemary ~ 10 Oct

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for **Sr Rosemary Bayne on Sat 10 Oct at 11am at St Catherine's**. Everyone who knew, loved and respected Sr Rosemary is warmly invited to celebrate her life and honour her passion for people, community and justice. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Season of Creation (SOC): 1 Sept to 4 Oct

On Sat 3 Oct there is a Season of Creation event which begins with 10.30am Mass in St. Catherine's. You may like to attend mass and stay on for a chat. We intend to plant fruit trees in the garden. In this season many people are inspired to take environmental actions. Such actions create a story of hope and resistance to the climate emergency. We hope that our mini orchard helps our local wildlife and in time provides us with delicious fruit. We would love your help to start our planting, digging holes, watering, and giving our trees the best chance to flourish. We plan to end with a simple shared lunch - bring something for yourself and a little extra to share. This will be a fun event and there will be a vegan food table with samples and freebies. To find out more please email Frank Meehan frankmeehan_uk@yahoo.co.uk

SEECAT Pilgrimage Walk (12 Sept)

The theme for this year was "Living Water". 14 pilgrims started off at the Peace Garden at Bridgend Farmhouse and walked to St Triduana's Well in Restalrig via Holyrood Park. En route, we paused for reflection at The Wells O Wearie, had a picnic lunch at Dunsapie Loch, and listened to Mary Oliver's poem "At The River Clarion" before walking in silence for 25 minutes. Parishioners from Restalrig Church gave us a warm welcome and led us to the mediaeval Well House. As it has beautiful acoustics, we sang some simple rounds praising God before closing with prayer. Afterwards, we were treated to a brief history of the well and church and to some much-needed refreshments provided by Restalrig Church members. Their wonderful hospitality was in true pilgrim tradition. View some wonderful photos here. Find out more about St Triduana and her well

<https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/cluster-information/2026/life-of-the-cluster> *Mary Morrison*

St John Vianney's teas & coffees ~ 4 Oct

After 9.30am Mass. We appreciate seeing our regulars, but it would be lovely to see other parishioners joining. The tea ladies put a lot of effort into organising our get-togethers and it would be wonderful to see more people enjoying what they have prepared. It's a great opportunity to enjoy a cuppa and catch up with fellow parishioners in a friendly atmosphere. We will also have the Fair-Trade stall with goods at fair prices. Our Christmas teas and raffle will be on Sun 13 Dec. Tickets will be on sale soon, more details to follow. Please do consider coming along - we'd be delighted to see you! *Susanne Lackie*

Pink Ladies breast cancer charity night

Fri 9 Oct, 7pm @ Richmond Church, Craigmillar. Tickets cost £8, with a buffet provided, also a raffle on the night. Tickets available from Aileen until 2 Oct.

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored Irene Cafferkey for completing the Camino Walk. The total raised was £3,500. *Aileen Charleston*

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

Tinned fruit, veg, tomatoes, rice, custard, diluting juice, and baby wipes.

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



Against Assisted Dying Campaign

Below is from an email received from Brian Cairns, CAAD

"This is a belated thank you for your work and the response of your congregation in lobbying Ian Murray on the assisted death legislation.

The successful vote was achieved through the individual responses of many, many individuals. Even though Ian voted in favour, the volume of mail contributes to the width, depth and pressure of mail on others. We do know that the targeted MPs were in contact with each other regarding the letters coming in. We believe that at least 5 stepped back from previous support and abstained."

You are held in prayer



Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are unwell

Lynn Gallagher, Mary Phelan, John Moore, Vivian Murphy, Peter Monkhouse, Evan McKay, Jackie Flockhart, baby Jack, Sam Munro, 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, Luke, Bekka and family, Geraldine Rodrigues, Linda Anderson, Belta Fernandes (Christina Fernandes' aunt) and her daughter Ida, Catriona Darling, Ken McIntosh, Stephen, Annabelle Colquhoun, Andrew Woodstock, Evelyn Welsh, Jacqui Phillips, Annette Sibbald, Paula Smith, 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

Jim Glancy, Linda Mackay, Charles Clark, Keith, John McConnell, John Mattocks, Patrick Maher, Chris Ovenden, Mary Moschini, Marie Martin.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time Tim O'Keefe, Peter McCabe, Georgina Hutton Wilson, William Hannigan, James Ainslie, Beatrice Devers, Patricia Lapping, John Jarvie, Johnny Barr, Billy Taylor, Sam McKeen, Charles Sweeney, Patrick Devine (Jnr), Eddie Mulroy, James Narrie, Mary Helen Narrie, Betty Craven, Patrick Devine (Snr), Andrew Phillips, David Mann, Patricia Simmons, Jennifer McGeever.

May they rest in peace

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