

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 – 03/04 October 2026

(27th Sunday of the Year - A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
SG – 9.30am	No service	(Cremation Mortonhall)	SC – 1.15pm Funeral Mass Charles Clark	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,

In today's parable, we commonly equate the vineyard owner's son with Jesus and his servants with the prophets who came before, all of whom were rejected and many killed, as was Jesus himself, the Son of God. It is tempting to leave it at that and shrug our shoulders at non-believers. Yet Jesus' words challenge us personally today as much as they did the chief priests and elders. In what way are we the tenants with a vineyard entrusted to us?

Where we are rejecting the voice of Jesus?

The Season of Creation, which draws to a close this weekend, reminds us that we have been entrusted to care for, and safeguard, our planet and all of creation. Perhaps we should listen more attentively to the prophetic voice of Pope Leo who last week said, "the climate question is not merely an environmental challenge, it is fundamentally a question of justice, human dignity and solidarity between peoples and generations."

Upcoming Funerals

Charles Clark – Thursday 8 October, Funeral Mass 1.15pm at St Catherine's.

John Barrett – Monday 12 October, Funeral Mass 10.00am at St Catherine's. Body will be received into the church on Sunday 11 October at 4.30pm.

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 this 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**.

Praying the Rosary in October

The rosary will be prayed each **Monday at 2pm at St Catherine's** starting 5 Oct. All welcome.

The rosary will also be said **each Tuesday at 7pm at St Gregory's** starting 6 Oct. It will be followed by the Ladies Guild in the Church Hall. You are very welcome.

Cluster Bereavement Service ~ 10 Oct

9.30am @ St Gregory's. There will be an opportunity to light a Candle in memory of loved ones. If you would like a loved one's name mentioned please say to a member of the group when you arrive. For more information, email Jacinta awaywiththeangels@yahoo.co.uk or call 07791 332753.

A fun litter picking morning

On Saturday 26 September, 13 parishioners went to Burdiehouse Burn to pick up litter because we want to keep the environment clean. We filled ten bags of litter. Some of the interesting things that we found were: a traffic cone, a huge piece of a bath, a gardening tool and a chainsaw!

Afterwards, we went to St Catherine's Hall to have lunch together. We ate some yummy tomato soup that Father Alex made and Janet heated up. Take a look at some photos!

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

It was very fun and we would like to do it again in a different place. We would like you to come with us. *Mateo, 8 years old*

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.

Cluster Senior Parishioner High Tea

St Catherine's Hall, Saturday 31st October 1 – 4pm. The menu is Fish / steak pie / vegetarian. Tickets available after weekend Masses. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations!

To Jacqui Phillips on receiving the Medal of the British People, awarded to individuals whose service is long, unique or an outstanding contribution to scouting. Well done Jacqui!

Bingo Night

Many thanks to all who came along to our recent, hugely enjoyable Bingo Night and helped to raise an amazing £306.40.

The 200 Club

Ann Callaghan writes, "the September winner was no 65. £74 to the lucky winner and £74 to St Gregory's funds. Thanks to all for your continued support."

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 1 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's – Group 5 week beginning 12/10.

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.

Fair Trade Fortnight 21 Sept - 4 Oct

FT stall at **St Catherine's on Sun 4 Oct after 11am** mass in the hall, where we will have details of a Transform Trade campaign.

Teas and coffees and FT stall in **St John Vianney's on Sun 4 Oct after 9.30am** mass.

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

Toiletries, custard, rice pudding, tinned fruit, small jars of coffee. 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



Please note there will be no newsletter NEXT WEEKEND 10/11 October as I will be away on holiday. Carol

You are held in prayer



Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are unwell

Angela Gallagher, Bernie Ameno, Derek Boulton, 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.

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. Jimmy Docherty, Richard Witte, Jualiann Roarty, Mary Anne Jane McDonald, James Flynn, John Quigley, James Morrison, Joe Andrades, Charles H Kivlin, Annabella Tait (or Keenan), Francis Nixon, Laurence Friel, Mary Deane, Grace Cooney, Mary Gilhooley, George Carr, Maggie Oliver, Catherine Clark, Agnes Wilson, Walter Smith, Elizabeth Coyle, Reg Walker, John Fyvie, Anne Doig, Rose Reynolds, George Carr, May Murray, Kevin Laporte, Maureen Patricia Boyle.

May they rest in peace