

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 – 17/18 October 2026

(29th Sunday of the Year - A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd
SG – 9.30am	SC – 10.00am Funeral Mass Linda MacKay	No Service	No Service	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,

Coins were the social media of their day – a daily reminder of who held power and influence. The coin mentioned would have had the face of Tiberius Caesar with his claim to be son of the “divine” Augustus on one side. On the other side was an image of a woman representing both power and peace with the inscription “High Priest”- again referring to Tiberius.

It acted as a claim to possess both temporal power and spiritual authority and Jesus was telling the Pharisees directly that Tiberius could have one but not the other.

Imagine our souls as coins. One side has been minted in the image and likeness of God; the other shows all the effects of living in a materialist and largely self-serving world. Remaining a loyal citizen as well as a faithful daughter/son of God is our challenge too but it is not a solo enterprise: we have the love of God; we have the teaching of Jesus; and we have the caring support of our community. Let's 'spend' out lives wisely.

Upcoming Funerals

Linda MacKay – Tuesday 20 October, Funeral Mass 10.00am at St Catherine's.

RCIA 2026-27

Our RCIA programme continues this Sunday, 18 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 18 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.

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 fourth is on *Childhood – Games and Toys* **Tuesday 20 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!

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 26/10.

P1 Admissions: Open Day for Primary Schools

The annual open day for primaries across the City of Edinburgh is on Wednesday 4 November. Visit the school you would like your child to attend. For Catholic primary school, you should ensure they have been Baptised prior to enrolment as a Baptismal certificate may be required. Visit www.edinburgh.gov.uk/catchmentmaps

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 second session is entitled Is the Eucharist really food? What happens when you eat the body of Christ?, Sunday 25th October 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.

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



From the Archbishops Ad Clerum

Pope Leo

Please keep the Holy Father in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. May the Lord may give him strength and peace as he continues his ministry.

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday we have the annual special collection for the 100th World Mission Sunday. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is One in Christ, United in Mission. Our prayers and donations will support missionaries and communities in need, including Missio Scotland's projects in Albania and Ukraine. Please pray for missionaries throughout the world and give what you can. Donations can also be made online at missioscotland.com/donate

Mass for the Faithful Departed

Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. This will take place on All Souls' Day, Monday 2 November, at 10:00am in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

White Mass for Healthcare Workers

Catholic healthcare professionals are invited to a White Mass for the Feast of St Luke at 11:00am on Sunday 18 October at St Patrick's Church, The Cowgate, Edinburgh. All healthcare workers are warmly welcome. Register at bit.ly/whitemassedinburgh

Celebrate with the Sisters of Mercy

The Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan, are celebrating 10 years in our Archdiocese. Join them on Tuesday 20 October, 6:30pm–8:00pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9

1BB for a short documentary about the Sisters and their community life, Q&A, pizza and conversation Register at bit.ly/dinnerdoc.

Edinburgh Day for Life

SPUC Edinburgh West is holding its first Day for Life on Saturday 31 October, 9.30am–3.30pm, at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 1BB. Include talks from Dr Calum MacKellar, Margaret Akers and Chris McEleny. Register for this free event at bit.ly/dayforlife

'Who is Jesus?' course

If you want to explore Jesus, God, life, love and much more you are welcome to attend this free course which takes place each Tuesday at 7:30pm in St Albert's Catholic Chaplaincy, 23 George Square, Edinburgh. Contact Fr Andrew Brookes OP at andrew.brookes@english.op.org

Archdiocesan events

More events are listed at archedinburgh.org/events

You are held in prayer



Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are unwell

Jorge Rodriguez, Roberto Rivero, 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, Isodoro Fulgencio, Margaret Hendry, Bill Watt, Monika, Jeanette Bell, Ralph, Carson, Liliam Rivero, Jimmy Love, Jesus Camargo, Susana Sanchez, Victor Trupcic, David, Bryan Hawthorn, Graciela Camargo, Berhane Shiker, Michael Doherty, Erin Colvin, Jorge Mario Gaitán, Josie McKeen, Teresa (sister of Maureen Henderson), Natalia, 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, 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

Daniel Philips, Allison Downie, Janet McGeever, Hilary Fernandes, John Barrett, Jim Glancy, Linda Mackay, Charles Clark, Keith, John McConnell, John Mattocks, Patrick Maher, Chris Ovenden.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Paddy McKelvey, Tony Gallagher, Sarah Byrne, Andrew Anderson, Patrick Curran, Alexander Boynes, Danny Byrne, John Coll, Angus O'Gorman, James Waugh, Edward Harkins, Henry Bruce, Tommy Duffy, David Reilly, Michael Docherty, Theresa Fraser, John Patrick Carr, Francis Fallon, Helen MacLean, Patrick McKelvey, Frances McCluskey, Margaret McCann, Frankie Smith, Joseph Ferry, Dominica McCabe, Bedelia Agnello, Mary Williamson. *May they rest in peace*