

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 – 31 Oct – 01 Nov 2026 (Feast of All Saints)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
SG – 7.00pm Holy Souls	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,

The Feast of All Saints honours all the many extraordinary people who may not be listed in the canon of saints but no less lived out the Beatitudes. Take the example of a friend of mine. Despite her gruelling cancer treatment, she has the biggest of hearts to empathise and walk with anyone in need of support. Yet she never fails to insist that it is the Holy Spirit who is giving her strength. Perhaps this is a good time to look around and be grateful for those everyday saints who are guiding lights of faith in our world.

Upcoming Funerals

Hugh Roarty – Thursday 12 November, Funeral Service 10am St Catherine's.

RCIA: Rite of Acceptance and Welcome

During our 11.00am Mass in St Catherine's, on Sunday 1 November, two of our six RCIA Enquirers will participate in the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome. This is one of the milestones on the RCIA journey. We would ask you all to please pray for Ami and Michael as they take this next step on

their faith journey. Brooke, Connor, Claire and Steven participated in the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome last weekend.

Our RCIA programme continues this Sunday, 1 November. It will take place at **St Catherine's (in the side chapel) starting at 12:30 and finishing at 14:00, with lunch provided.**

If you, or someone you know, couldn't come along to the earlier sessions, but is interested in RCIA, please do come and join us on Sunday 1 November.

Registering for preparation for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation: LAST OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER

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 on 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.

This coming week is your last opportunity to register as registrations will close on Saturday 31 October 2026.

Parish Merger Enquiry

There is a copy on the noticeboard of the update which Fr Alex gave us last weekend on the work of the Merger Enquiry Group.

Cluster Walking Group

Our final walk of 2027 will be on **Saturday 14 November**. We will follow the Water of Leith from Balerno to the Water of Leith Visitor Centre at Slateford. It is a walk of just under 5½ miles and should take us about 2-2½ hours. If you would like to bring a packed lunch, we can enjoy this together at the Water of Leith Visitor Centre. If you are coming from this end of town, we will be getting the 18 bus. It is due at Gilmerton crossroads @ 09:55 and Kaimes crossroads @ 10:04. We will take this bus to Juniper Green and then take the 44 bus from there to Balerno. If you are making your own way, please meet at Balerno High School bus stop at around 10.45.

It is relatively flat, with a decent path the full length of the walk. If you prefer a shorter walk, there are various exit points near bus routes.

Everybody is welcome to join us, whether you have joined us for a walk before, or this is your first time. For further information, please email southedclust@btinternet.com.

Thank You

We wish to thank the parishioner who made a very generous donation to the St John Vianney Conference box collection, which is greatly appreciated.

Request for Help from our Cluster

We need a driver who would be willing to take items to Fresh Start (a citywide homeless project) every 2-3 months if required. If you can help, then please speak to Frank or Maureen Quinn. Thank you.

Thank You

Many thanks to the parishioner who donated flowers for St Gregory's.

Mass of Remembrance – All Souls

Mon 2 Nov @ 7.00pm at St Gregory's. The Cluster Bereavement Group would like to invite you to this Mass of Remembrance. We have sadly lost over 60 family members and friends of the cluster since Nov 2025. A candle will be lit in memory of each loved one. You will be invited to light a candle in memory of your loved ones. We hope you can join us for Tea & Coffee served after the Mass. For more information, email Jacinta awaywiththeangels@yahoo.co.uk or call 07791 332753.

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 fifth is on *Leisure and Recreation* **Tuesday 3 November**. See notice on noticeboard for upcoming events.

Teas and Coffees

There will be teas after the St John Vianney 9.30am Mass on Sunday 8 November, to which everyone is welcome. We will also have our Fair Trade stall. Come along for a cuppa, a chat and an opportunity to buy some fairly traded goods and gifts.

St Gregory's are taking a break from monthly teas and coffees and will resume in March.

Advent Evenings

Christmas has arrived! It's in the shops, in magazines, it's everywhere you look. Before Christmas, we have the beautiful season of Advent. This year, we are hosting our Advent Evenings in St Gregory's. They run every Monday evening, 23rd Nov-14th Dec, 7.30pm-8.30pm with refreshments served afterwards. If you would like time to be still, to listen and reflect on God's Word amidst the frantic Christmas rush, then come and join us as we focus on the real meaning of Christmas.

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 6 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's – Group 1 week beginning 26/10.

Last Fundraiser of the year

St Gregory's Fundraising team would like to say thank you for supporting their fundraising efforts. The October weekly bonus ball total was £179.00 and will help boost the funds, thanks to those who donated their prize money back. The next event is a Scottish Family Fun Night on Friday 20th November 7-10pm. Tickets £5.00 includes - Food Live Music; raffle on the night. The winner of the current Scottish Quiz sheet (£1) announced on the night. The prize is a "Wee Scottish Hamper!" Please come along & support this event! Tickets on Sale from Jacinta Flockhart at St Gregory's, Anne Spence at St John Vianney's, Janet Logan at St Catherine's.

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

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

Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet rolls chocolate, sweets. 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

Mass for the Faithful Departed -- Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. **10.00am Monday 2 November** in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery

Archdiocesan events

More events are listed at archedinburgh.org/events

You are held in prayer



Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are unwell

Liz Napier, Darlene Guthrie, Julie, Jorge Rodriguez, Roberto Rivero, Angela Gallagher, Bernie Ameno, Derek Boulton, Lynn Gallagher, Mary Phelan, John Moore, Vivian Murphy, Peter Monkhouse, Evan Mackay, 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, 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

Alexander Hart, Hugh Roarty, John Smyth, Daniel Philips, Allison Downie, Janet McGeever, Hilary Fernandes, John Barrett.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time

Fr Eugen, Molly Crawford, Roger Hughes, Patrick Malone, Denise Griffiths, Jimmy Brown, Sister Mary McHardy, Hugh White, Maureen Whoriskey, Laura Quigley, Mamie Love, Bill McKenzie, Hilda Jamieson, Mr & Mrs McClafferty, Daniel James O'Neill, Margaret Barstad, Kathleen Sinclair, John Murphy, Catherine Thomson, David McIntee, William Craven, John Candlish Brown, Anthony Martin, Colin Lawson, James Neilson, Manus Dennison, Anne McCann, Tom Pringle, Margaret Spowart, Robert McMillan White.