South Edinburgh Cluster

The faith communities of St John Vianney's, St Gregory's and St Catherine's

Journeying from maintenance to mission

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9th	10th	11th	12th	13th
SG – 9.30am	No service	No service	SC - 10.00am **Funeral Mass Hugh Roarty**	SG – 9.30am

Next Weekend Mass times:

St Gregory's	St John Vianney	St Catherine's
Saturday	**Sunday**	**Sunday**
6pm	9.30am (**in St Gregory's**)	11.00am

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The parable of the ten virgins is thought provoking, why did the wise not share with those who had no oil? Aren't we supposed to give to the needy? Why is Jesus not going along with what we expect? It's time to stop, ask and listen, what's this all about? Maybe those ready to meet Jesus have something that cannot be shared? faith, good works, trust. Jesus himself sums it up; we all need to be ready. How can I be ready to meet Jesus in my everyday life this week?

Wedding Vows Renewal

Anne-Marie and Terry Weston will renew their wedding vows on Sunday 8th November at St John Vianney's 9.30am Mass. They were married at Sacred Heart Church Penicuik on 8th November 1996 by Father Michael Jackson. We send our warmest congratulations to both and many more happy years together.

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

Registrations for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation closed on Saturday 31 October. We are very grateful to all the families who have registered their children for one or more of the Sacraments. An email inviting each family to the information and welcome evenings for these Sacraments was sent on Wednesday 4 November. If you can't see this email in your Inbox, could you please check your Spam/Junk folder? It will have been sent from South Edinburgh Cluster (southedclust@btinternet.com). If this email hasn't arrived, please email southedclust@btinternet.com and we will arrange for it to be re-sent.

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.

SCIAF Remembrance Mass

A SCIAF Remembrance Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm on Saturday 14 November at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. The Mass will provide an opportunity to remember and give thanks for all SCIAF supporters who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. Everyone is warmly welcome. Teas and coffees will be served after Mass.

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.

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 final one this year is on *An Evacuee's Experience of WWII* – speaker Doreen Carmichael **Tuesday 17 November**.

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.

Service of Remembrance ~ Sat 14 Nov

@ 10am in St Gregory's (please note the change of time). It is hoped that through listening to scripture readings, poetry and music you will find some comfort remembering those you have loved and lost. Candles will be lit for those family and friends of the Cluster who have died between Nov 2025 and Nov 2026. There will be the opportunity during the service for you to light a candle (if you would like to do so) in memory of your loved one(s). Tea and coffee in the hall after the service. We do hope you can join us.

A time of waiting in Trust and with Hope in Advent

In this time of change and uncertainty in our churches (and in the world) the prayer foundation invites you to a time of silent prayer. A time of waiting in Trust and with Hope
This will be in St Catherine's Church on Saturday 5 Dec from 10.30am-12.30pm. The 2 hours will be broken into 20-minute slots. Each 20 minutes of silent prayer will start with a spoken prayer. Please come for as long or as short a time as you can manage. All are welcome.

It's COP31 - What can I do?

Did you know that we have an Eco Cluster Community on WhatsApp for any Cluster parishioner who is interested? Want your unwanted stuff to go to a good home? Looking for something someone else may perhaps have? Interested in sharing/hearing about hacks on being more sustainable in everyday life? Or would you like to help with St Catherine's mini orchard? We have different groups in our Community for all these things. Email us to find out more ecocluster@ik.me

Remembering our Recently Deceased in the newsletter

Losing a Loved One is a very painful time for all their family and friends and as a faith community we keep them in our prayers and in our hearts. In both versions of the Cluster newsletter, we endeavour to promptly acknowledge the names of any Recently Deceased and include them continuously for six weeks. Also, all funerals in our three parishes are recorded in our deceased list and so their anniversaries appear each year.
Please be assured, that even after your Loved One's name no longer appears in the newsletter, we continue to hold them in our prayers. Please also be reminded that you can have your Loved One included in our Remembrance Gallery. Simply complete a Remembrance Notice www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/remembrance-notice with a photo, dates and a short tribute, or alternatively, email us the details and photo.

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 2 week beginning 9/11.

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.

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

Archdiocesan events

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 Boult, Lynn Gallagher, 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

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

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time
Betty McGinley, Robert Blackwood Duncan 'Rab', Mary Thomson, Peter Finney, Craig Wilkie, Betty Forbes, Francis Geoghegan, Ann Watson, Nora Dennison, Maria Elisa Stewart, David B Marshall, Rose Walker, Anthony Milligan, Guiseppe Rosano.