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 –22 Nov 2026

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th
No service	No service	SC – 10.00am Feast Day Mass with the School	SG – 9.30am	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,

Today's gospel is well known but still able to surprise. Why is it that neither the sheep nor the goats understand what the Lord has said? Perhaps it is because the sheep heard Jesus' message of love, saw it enacted in the gospels, and followed it in their life by caring for others. It was their very way of life and consequently they did not see their behaviour as special. The goats, on the other hand, felt more comfortable with the rules and regulations which can obscure the message of love and just peace. This was their way of life and consequently they shared the disbelief. We have to ask ourselves - are we motivated by love and kindness?

Welcome!

We welcome **Benson**, son of Benjamin and Linda, who will be baptised at St John Vianney's 9.30am Mass today. We pray for him on this special day when he becomes a member of our parish family and steps out on his journey of faith with his family.

Upcoming Funeral

Patricia Fallon – Wednesday 2 December, Funeral Mass 10.30am at St Gregory's.
Josie Moir – Friday 4 December, Funeral Mass 10.00am at St Gregory's.

Special collection this weekend 21/22 Nov

There will be a second collection at all masses this weekend as part of Catholic Education Week. The Archdiocesan Mass for pupils and teachers will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Tue 24 Nov at 11am.

Advent Evenings Start Monday 23 November

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.

A time of waiting in Trust and with Hope in Advent ~ Sat 5 Dec

10.30am-12.30pm in St Catherine's church. In this time of change and uncertainty in our churches (and in the world) the Prayer Foundation invite you to a time of silent prayer. A time of waiting in Trust and with Hope. The two 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.

Congratulations to Adam Ford

Last week, 19-year-old Adam was commissioned in St Gregory's as a Eucharistic Minister. Warmest congratulations to Adam and to his proud family. May God strengthen and guide you as you serve others through the Eucharist. Adam joined his sister Louise and Dad Kevin on the altar - quite a family affair. Indeed, it is possible that the Fords may have written St Gregory's history!

St Catherine's Christmas toy collection

This year our collection date is **Sun 13 Dec**. Thanks to your amazing generosity over the years, we have been able to give the Social Work Department and the School hundreds of toys that will hopefully have brightened up some children's Xmas morning. If you can donate, please wrap any gifts individually and mark the age of the child and whether it is for a boy or a girl. Hopefully we can get close to, or even more than, our great collection last year. Thank you. Catherine & Brian.

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.

Deepening Our Appreciation of the Eucharist

You are invited to come to St Peter's, 77 Falcon Avenue, EH10 4AN, for the 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 final two sessions are from 1 – 3 pm on **Sunday 22 November –** *How the cross of Jesus is present at Mass? Can you be saved without the Eucharist?* and **Sunday 5 December** – *Transubstantiation. How the Mass prepares you to receive Holy Communion.* 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.

Bethany Christian Trust - Caring Christmas Trees

More than a Tree - When you purchase one of our sustainable and locally sourced Caring Christmas Trees, every penny goes directly towards the practical and long lasting commitment we have to ending homelessness in Scotland. See the notice board for details or find out more on our website https://www.bethanychristiantrust.com/trees/

St Catherine's FT Stalls

Our Advent stall will be on 29 November and our Christmas Stall will be on 13 December. Please let us know if you have any requests from the shop. We will be stocking our usual food and drink as well as some items which would make attractive and worthwhile Christmas presents. Please come and browse and support the stall. Thanks very much.

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 3 week beginning 23/11.

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.

Christmas with Origin Scotland

An evening of carols led by the Origin Scotland choir and orchestra. The evening comprises congregational singing, performance by the choir and orchestra, and readings from the scriptures. Saturday 5 December, 7.30pm Usher Hall, Edinburgh. Tickets from www.originscotland.org suggested donation towards costs although free tickets available for those on low income.

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

Cereal, small jars of coffee, fruit juice. 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

Young Adults' Mass

The Archdiocesan annual Mass for young adults takes place this Sunday (22 November) at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ. Celebrant: Archbishop Cushley. Social afterwards.

Job Vacancy: Support and Property Administrator

The Archdiocese is recruiting a full-time Support and Property Administrator, based in Edinburgh. Salary circa £26,000. Closing date: Tuesday 24 November. For details and to apply, visit bit.ly/archjob26.

St Columba's Justice and Peace Group

Faith Behind Bars

Sat 21 Nov @ 10.30am. Talk by Canon Brian Gowans, VE Caritas Justice & Peace/President International Commission of Catholic Prison Pastoral Care. There is not much that Canon Gowans doesn't know about prisons having spent a lot of time in them - for all the right reasons! @ St Columba's Church Middle Hall (1st floor), Upper Gray Street EH9 1SN. Tea/ coffee available from 10am. All welcome. Admission free. Donations welcome to cover costs.

Other events are listed at archedinburgh.org/events

You are held in prayer



Please remember in your prayers:
Those who are unwell

Oliver Sankey, Kimberly Papirio, 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

Josie Moir, Margaret Balloch, Patricia Fallon, Hugh Roarty, Alexander Hart, John Smyth, Daniel Philips, David Vincent, Margaret McGlashin, Matthew Burns.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time
Sheila Herraghty, Sadie McCole, Grace O'Donnell, Steven Gilhooly, Philip Lee, William Moir, George Stewart. Mary Michaud, Cathie McKeen, Betty Smith, Alesandra Inglis, Ellen McNulty, Catherine Kelly, Agnes Warren, George Stewart, Anastasia Valente, John Tinney, Michael Terry, James Hughes (Snr), Leonard Twist, Michael Boylan, James Hughes, James Waugh, Matilde Arimbuyutan.

May they rest in peace