

South East Edinburgh Cluster of Roman Catholic Parishes

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Sunday 3rd September 2017 – *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

	Saint Gregory's	St John Vianney's	Saint Catherine's
Monday 4th	Communion Service 9.30am	9.45am	9.00am
Tuesday 5th	Mass 9.45am		
Wednesday 6th	Communion Service 9.30am	9.45am	9.00am
Thursday 7th	Communion Service 9.30am		9.00am
Friday 8th	Mass 9.45am		
Saturday 9th	6.00 pm		
Sunday 10th		9.30 am	11.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Vigil Mass or by arrangement.

Sacrament of Anointing: By arrangement

Mass Intentions: Ewan Neil Wylie, Mary Purden, George Corr, Pauline Peteranna, Tom Hanlon, Alexandra Arthur, Josie Milne, Paul Galvin, Mary M Martin, Patricia Wood, Charlie Hugo.

Anniversaries: Hugh Doherty, Eva Campbell, Mary Buchanan, Joseph Forrest, Anne McCaffrey, Thomas Donoghue, Pat Dolan, David White, Erwin Ridder, Alan Nolan, Bridget Duff, Helen Burke, Bridget Callaghan, Mary Reynolds, Charles O'Donnell, Florence Edith Beitlich, John McMillan, Kathleen and Patrick Delaney.

Reflecting on our Faith: *Come, follow me* - this week's question

Adult: *In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?*

Children: *When has it been difficult to be a follower of Jesus?*

*If you're visiting, are new to the area, or just live here, you are most **welcome** in all parishes. We are delighted you have joined us.*

Bill Huebsch

You may remember four years ago we had a visit from Bill who opened up for us the Teaching of the Second Council. He has been in touch to say that he will be in UK in October. He has agreed to come and spend a couple of days here in the cluster offering an opportunity to learn more about the teaching of Pope Francis. He will be in Edinburgh on 21st and 22nd October. If you didn't get to hear him last time then be assured he has a very good way of teaching. Mark the date on your calendar. Further details will follow.

Play Group

You might remember that, back in May, the Parish Pastoral Council spoke about their Pastoral priorities for 2017. One of those priorities was establishing a Playgroup. We have been working on this over the past few months and have made some progress. Our plan is to run the playgroup at St John Vianney's Church Hall on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 (dates and times to be confirmed dependent on volunteer availability). It will operate during school term time and we hope to be up and running during September.

Before we start gathering toys and finalising our plans, we need to make sure that we have enough volunteers to run the group. We need at least two people who can commit to being there most weeks and another four plus people who could help on a rota basis.

What would the role involve? It will include setting up toys, tables and seats; preparing and serving teas and coffees; chatting with the parents who come along; helping tidy away.

If you think you could help, or would like to find out more about what would be involved, please phone or email Lauren Doody (tel: 07789934818; email: lauren.doody2@g mail.com).

Bereavement Group

The next service will take place on Saturday 9th September at 9.30 in St Gregory's. The Cluster bereavement group was formed to try to help those who were struggling to cope with loss in their lives, we are available for home visits if a person/family feel that this would be more suited to their needs. If the anniversary of a loved occurs around this time and you would like their name read out please speak to a member of the group before the service We can be contacted through Jacinta Flockhart on 664 5581 or Mary Thompson 258 0677 to arrange a visit if you feel you would like to have a chat.

SEECAT

The SEECAT A.G.M. will be on Sunday 10 September at 2:30pm in Liberton Northfield Church Hall, Gilmerton Road. We are hoping that some new people will get involved in the work of SEECAT. If you are interested in ecumenism in the local area, please come along to the meeting. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Basil Paterson Edinburgh

Would you like to be part of an enriching intercultural exchange? Meet students from all over the world; experience different cultures and traditions; share your language and local culture; earn between £120 and £169 per week by offering a home-from-home experience. For further information contact: info@basilpaterson.co.uk or 0131 225 3802.

Cluster Youth Group

Next meeting is Friday 8th September. We meet every two weeks in St John Vianney's church hall from **6pm to 8pm**. The group is open to **everybody** in primary 6, primary 7 and secondary school. We have crafts, table-tennis, Play Station, X Box, etc. We look forward to welcoming you.

For further information, please contact Susanne Lackie (07446 910 846) or Fred McConnell (07901 964 100).

Holy Rood RC High News

Here is this week's update of recent events/news from Holy Rood, your Cluster Secondary School.

Huge congratulations to S5 pupil Niamh on gaining an Arkwright (Engineering) Scholarship which she worked towards with her teachers here in Holy Rood whilst studying for National 5 Qualifications. This is testament to the hard work and mature approach which Niamh has displayed in S4 and her outstanding results across the board but especially in Design and Manufacture, Science and Maths. We are very proud of her. We are delighted that so many of our pupils are already attending the many and varied opportunities available at lunch time and after school in P.E. There are a staggering 7 lunch time and 12 after school sporting opportunities. Our three Sports Ambassadors play a key role in motivating pupils and driving forward these extra-curricular opportunities alongside other senior pupils and staff. From Dance, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Football, Gymnastics, Table Tennis, Athletics, Hockey, Cricket, Fitness, Pilates, Cheerleading, Badminton, Tennis, Running Club to Quidditch ! There is a sport for all tastes. Pupils are encouraged to either join a club, participate in training or simply join in for fun and of course to keep fit. The S1, S2 and S3 Boys Football Teams have their first matches this weekend whilst the Junior Boys and Girls and Senior Boys Basketball Teams have started training – all with great hopes for sporting success including in the Scottish Cup.

All of our S1 pupils have been participating in teambuilding activities with our very own Skillforce instructors. Pupils and staff have been very enthusiastic in their feedback telling us that it's really helped them to get to know each other and their Tutors better.

Please ask your friends and families to follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh

St Catherine's News

Offertory: £669.84; **Gift Aid:** £94.42

Cleaning Group: 5

First Communicants

The children who received Holy Communion for the first time will have the opportunity to gather as a group for a celebration at 11am Mass next Sunday 10th September. After Mass they will have a celebration in the Hall.

St Gregory's News

26/8/17: Offertory £250.40; Gift Aid £26; Total Income £292.10. Expenditure £290.65.

Bonus Ball: 58

Hall Donation: £22.50

Congratulations to Annie and John McGinley who will celebrate their Golden Wedding this weekend.

Birthday Greetings to Maureen Wallbanks who celebrates a special birthday this weekend. Many happy returns!

Hall Bookings: The charge for booking the hall is £15 an hour or £100 for a full day until 10.30pm. To book the hall please call: 07941 398 625

Day retreat for all involved in ministry in St Gregory's. As part of ongoing formation those involved in ministry are invited to participate in a day retreat; it will be held at Schoenstatt, Sisters of Mercy, Campsie Glen G66 7AB and is on Sunday 15th October. The day will begin at 10.30 and end at 4.30pm. Lifts etc will be organised nearer the date. Can you please let Maureen Wallbanks or Srs Jeanette and Christine know if you would like to attend. The closing date for the retreat is 30th September. We look forward to sharing this day with you.

PPC meeting will take place on 8 September. Please pass any item you wish to be included on the agenda to a member

SVDP meets next Sunday 10 September

St John Vianney's News

27/8/17: Offertory £461.95; Gift Aid £80; Total Income £571.55; Expenditure £471.32.

Church Cleaning: Group 5.

Thank you! The Parish barbecue was a great success. Many thanks to all those who helped prepare, the Couples for Christ music group who added to the atmosphere and to all those who attended.

Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC will meet again on Sunday 17 September.

If you would like anything to be included on the agenda, can you please speak to Gerry Mulvena (07586 275 575) or any member of the PPC.