

South East Edinburgh Cluster of Roman Catholic Parishes

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Sunday 10 September 2017 – *Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*

	Saint Gregory's	St John Vianney's	Saint Catherine's
Monday 11th	Communion Service 9.30am	9.45am	9.00am
Tuesday 12th	Mass 9.45am		
Wednesday 13th	Communion Service 9.30am	9.45am	9.00am
Thursday 14th	Communion Service 9.30am		9.00am
Friday 15th	Mass 9.45am		
Saturday 16th	6.00 pm		
Sunday 17th		9.30 am	11.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Vigil Mass or by arrangement.

Sacrament of Anointing: By arrangement

Mass Intentions: Tommy Gunn, Charlie, Hugo McGeever, Fred McGee, Anne McGee, Shirley Barrett, Pauline Peteranna, Tom Hanlon,

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?*

Second Collection next weekend for Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund

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 Vatican 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 the weekend of 20th - 22nd October. If you didn't get to hear him last time then be assured he has a very good way of teaching. He will give a presentation in St Catherine's **on Friday 20 October from 7 – 9.30pm**. He will give further presentations over the weekend in other parts of the Diocese which are yet to be confirmed. Mark the date on your calendar. Further details will follow.

Welcome

We welcome to Mass this morning Wilfred Moshi from Tanzania who brings greetings from our sister Parish in Mwaka. Wilfred is the first Tanzanian to climb Mount Everest. He climbs Mt Kilimanjaro on a regular basis and is a guide for others.

Vocations Mass will be celebrated on Monday 11th September at 7.30 pm at St. Joseph's House, 43 Gilmore Place, Edinburgh. Everyone is most welcome to join us in praying for this special intention.

Faith Sharing Sessions

Here are the dates for this terms Faith sharing sessions at Harmony Crescent Monday 25th September, 23rd October, 20th November and 18th December Meet at 7.30pm and finish 9.30after cup of tea. All welcome!

Contact Maureen Wallbanks, Sr Christine or Sister Jeannette for further information

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@gmail.com).

South Edinburgh RC Cluster Young People

(16- 28)

Saturday 23rd of September 11 - 1.30pm

Ryze Trampoline Centre

Mayfield Industrial Estate, EH22 4AD

Suggested donation - £5



All young people between 16-28 from across our 3 parishes are invited to meet informally for a bit of fun followed by some time to chat in the cafe.

Those who wish to travel together on Lothian buses are welcome to meet at St. John Vianney Parish for 10am

Please speak to Fr. Anthony, Siobhan Fee or email Siobhanfee@hotmail.co.uk to book your space!

St Catherine's News

Offertory: £798.97; **Gift Aid:** £118

Cleaning Group: 6

First Communicants

The children who received Holy Communion for the first time over the past months gather as a group at Mass this morning and will have a celebration in the Hall. Our deep gratitude goes to the Team of Catechists who have worked so hard with them.

Bidding Prayers / Prayers of the Faithful A number of people composed the bidding prayers when Fr Mike was on holiday and we'd like to continue this practice. The rota of readers (including those who read bidding prayers) will carry on as normal. We are now seeking people who are interested in composing the bidding prayers, on a rota basis. If you have been thinking of how you can get involved in contributing to our community, perhaps this is your opportunity. Ideally, we would like to have about a dozen people but the more the merrier. There would be a simple induction meeting for those interested. If interested, please give your name to any member of the parish council – names and faces are at the back of the church in the alcove.

St Gregory's News

2/9/17: Offertory £228.06; Gift Aid £23; Total Income £374.26. Expenditure £290.65.

Bonus Ball: 8

Hall Donation: £75

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

Thank You: Maureen would like thank everyone for their cards, gifts and flowers. Many thanks to the Ladies' guild for the surprise party.

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.

St John Vianney's News

3/9/17: Offertory £411.73; Gift Aid £62.10; Total Income £573.33; Expenditure £471.32.

Church Cleaning: Group 6.

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 Mulvenna (07586 275 575) or any member of the PPC.