

South East Edinburgh Cluster of Roman Catholic Parishes

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St Gregory the Great, Walter Scott Avenue EH16 5TD T: 658 1793 Fr Anthony & Maureen (258 1802)

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Sunday 24th December 2017 – 4th Sunday of Advent Year B

	Saint Gregory's	St John Vianney's	Saint Catherine's
Monday 25th	10.30 am Christmas Day Mass		
Tuesday 26th	No Service		11.00 am
Wednesday 27th	No service	9.45 am Funeral Mass Mary Devine	
Thursday 28th	Communion Service 9.30am		11.00 am
Friday 29th	Communion Service 9.30am		
Saturday 30th	6.00 pm		
Sunday 31st		9.30 am	11.00 am

Sunday 31st December 2017 – The Holy Family Year B

	Saint Gregory's	St John Vianney's	Saint Catherine's
Monday 1st	No Service		11.00 am
Tuesday 2nd	11.00 am		
Wednesday 3rd	Communion Service 9.30am		9.00 am
Thursday 4th	Communion Service 9.30am	9.45am	9.00 am
Friday 5th	9.45am		
Saturday 6th	6.00 pm		
Sunday 7th		9.30 am	11.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Vigil Mass or by arrangement.

Sacrament of Anointing: By arrangement

Mass Intentions: Peggy Smith, Anne McGee, Ferrigle McGee, Frederick McGee, Madeline Laporte, May Wallace, Colin Philips, Ally Logan, Helen and Francis Bagan, Iain MacDonald, George Corr, Maeve Glavey, The intentions of the Flynn and Christie Families, Pat Tracey, Jan McDermid, Kate Devers, Brenda Duffy, Bridie Geen, Craig McAleer, Holy Souls, Donail & Kate Coyle.

Anniversaries: Week beginning 24/12/17 - George Hastie, Charles McCann, Tom Fagan, James Murphy, Fiorinta (Flora) Ballack, James Kelly, Annie Reynolds, Michael Hopper, Annie Gardner, Mary Ann Kelly, Avril Gillespie, Bill Wood, Agnes Prior, Anne Margaret Clark, Robert Smith Roy, Harry Sinclair, Elizabeth Cockburn, Isa Kane, James Ritchie, Nicola Janette Robertson, Helen Harris, Bridie Glen, Dolly McIntyre, Margaret Allan, Hugh Malone, Peter Mullen, Evelyn Reilly, Ruby Bird, Ina Boyle.

Week beginning 31/12/17 - Angela Roach, Thomas Roarty, Sarah Holden, Kate Devers, Theresa Berry, Michael Klimionek, Helen Gaynor, Terry Moriarty, Elizabeth Crawford, Ivor de Rollo, Mary McGeever, Annie McBride, Rachel MacMillan White, Janet Swan Giboons, Michael Kempton, May Ferguson, Ann Carr, Tony Milligan, Neil Gray, Catherine Doig, Mary Ellen McCole, Nancy Wilson, Mary Roarty, Peggy Cairney, Marie Perry, Andrew Doig, John Daly.

Reflecting on our Faith: *Acceptance of God's Will* - this week's question

Adult: *How do you open your heart to what God wants for you? How do you follow the pathway that leads to happiness?*

Children: *What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?*

*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.*

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email please email johnvianney@blueyonder.co.uk and ask to be added to the mailing list.

Play Group: If you think you could help, or would like to find out more, please phone or email Lauren Doody (07789934818 or lauren.doody2@gmail.com)

Thank You

The pupils and staff of St Catherine's Primary School would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated so generously towards our 'reverse advent calendar' for the South Edinburgh food bank. Thank you also for the use of the Shepherd costumes – we enjoyed a fantastic Nativity performance by our P1-3. Wishing you all every blessing this Christmas.

Update on Norma Meehan: Norma has sent a Christmas card to everyone in the cluster. She is in the Beatson Hospital in Glasgow and will be there until probably the end of the year. Her treatment is going well and although she recognizes that there is a long road of recovery ahead she sounds very upbeat. Let's continue to pray that she will soon be back in our midst.

Faith Family Fun!

An opportunity for all families to share faith, have fun and support our young people to find God in everyday life. Activities suitable for aged 8+ but siblings welcome. Meeting in St Catherine's Church Hall. (See poster.) Contact Alisa Winters for more details: alisa.winters@hotmail.co.uk

Rewards & Rolls – Saturday 13th January 1.30 – 3.00 pm.

We will be taking a look at how our behaviour shows we are followers of Jesus. We will be creating a book of 'rewards' gift vouchers for our families to help encourage us to live as Jesus wants us to. Please join us and bring along a treat to share afterwards if you can.

ALPHA



Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith. It has been tried by almost 30million people around the world who discovered Jesus through it. Alpha runs over 10 weeks. Each week starts with a meal, followed by input and small group discussion. All in a relaxed atmosphere. No sign up required.

When and where?

Our parishes will run Alpha for adults:

every Monday 9.00-10.30am St John Vianney Primary
(15 Jan-26 Mar)

every Thursday 7.00-9.00pm St John Vianney Parish Hall
(11 Jan -22 Mar)

How can I help?

Invite a friend

If you know someone who has been questioning or exploring issues of life and faith, invite them to Alpha so they can explore more. Alpha has changed the lives of many people, especially those with no faith background.

Give it a try

Alpha has also been tried by Christians from all churches. Many discovered a personal connection with Jesus at Alpha and truly started to live as disciples.

Prepare a meal

Thank you to all who have already offered to take a turn to prepare a simple meal for the guests for one week. All weeks are now covered.

Pray!

No lives will be changed unless we invite Jesus to change them. Pray for the guests and also for the hosts and helpers. Pray that our parishes will experience an awakening.

Celebration of Christmas in our Cluster Parishes this year

	St Catherine's	St John Vianney's	St Gregory's
Christmas Celebration	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 8pm	Carol Service and Midnight Mass 11.30pm	Christmas Day Morning Mass 10.30am



The Cluster Team wishes you and your families every blessing for the Christmas Season.
May it be for you a time of peace and joy.

St Catherine's News

Offertory: £825.21; **Gift Aid:** £131

Cleaning Group: 3.

Christmas Gifts: As always, the response to the appeal for Christmas gifts was very generous. The Director of Children and Family Department has written a card expressing thanks for the gifts and sending best wishes for Christmas and 2018. It is on the noticeboard. It reads:
"Many thanks from me and all of my staff at Captain's Road. All of these gifts will go to families who are really struggling in these hard times. Best wishes. Andy McWhirter".

St Gregory's News

Bonus Ball: 14

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.

South East Edinburgh Foodbank: Donations of non-perishable food always welcome especially at this time of year. Little extra items like colouring-in books and crayons/pencils for children would be appreciated. Collection boxes in the porch. Many thanks to those who have donated so far.

St John Vianney's News

Church Cleaning: Group 3.

Commitment Cards: Please complete and return a Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Card. If you do not have one please collect one from one of the Welcomers. Thank you.

SVDP – donations of groceries and small toys for distribution at Christmas gratefully received.