

South East Edinburgh Cluster of Roman Catholic Parishes

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Sunday 4th February 2018 – Fifth Ordinary Sunday Year B

	Saint Gregory's	St John Vianney's	Saint Catherine's
Monday 5th	Communion Service 9.30am	9.45am	
Tuesday 6th	2.00 pm		
Wednesday 7th	Communion Service 9.30am		
Thursday 8th	Communion Service 9.30am	9.45 am	
Friday 9th	9.45am		
Saturday 10th	6.00 pm		
Sunday 11th		9.30 am	11.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Vigil Mass or by arrangement.

Sacrament of Anointing: By arrangement

Mass Intentions: Peggy Smith, Fitzkenny & Docherty family intentions, Nellie McCole, Anne Forrest, John McGachie, Hugh Lee, Roger Steedman.

Anniversaries: Irene McNulty, Christopher Abbot, Michael McCabe, Marion Mitowski, Yves Froude, Kenny Monkhouse, Andrew Millar, Alice Geogheghan, William Cairnie, Helen Simpson, Mary Birdsall, James McNulty, George Milligan, James Carrigan, Agnes Manderson, Francis Cassidy, Matthew Rodgers, Margaret Lewis, Thomas McManus

*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.*

Reflecting on our Faith: *Comfort for the Sorrowful* - this week's question

Adult: *When have you felt the sadness of Job? When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus?*

Children: *What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?*

The second collection TODAY will be towards Catholic Education

ALPHA

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith. Any adult is welcome to give it a try, even just for one week. Each week starts with a meal, followed by input and small group discussion. Next sessions:

Mon 5th Feb 9.00-10.30am @ St John Vianney Primary: *How can I have faith?*

Thurs 8th Feb 7.00-9.00pm @ St John Vianney Hall: *Why and how do I pray?*

Sister Mary

Sister Mary's brother Rodger sadly died after a short illness last weekend. His funeral took place in the Cathedral on Friday. They were very close and she will miss him greatly. Sister Mary herself is in much better shape and hopes to be discharged from hospital on Monday. She will require a period of convalescence. Let's continue to keep her in our prayers and also Rodger's wife Norma and all their family.

Father Mike

Father Mike continues to battle the Bug and is unlikely to be around this coming week. He is very grateful to Father Anthony for his support in covering the three Parishes.

Faith Sharing Sessions at Harmony Crescent

Dates for the next sessions are: February 26th, March 19th, April 23rd, June 4th, and July 2nd. We begin at 7.30 pm and usually end by 9.30 pm after a cup of tea and chat. Why not come and join us! If you need any more information please contact Maureen Wallbanks, or Srs Christine and Jeannette.

Play Group: Preparations for the playgroup are well underway. Once our volunteers have received PVG clearance we can finalise the start date but we are aiming for the 20th Feb. It will be aimed at children from 0-5 and will be on Tuesdays (term time only), 9.30-11am at St Gregory's Church Hall. If you would like to help out or would like any further information, please contact Lauren Doody on 07789934818.

SEECAT Lenten Study Groups

Join with others from local churches in the area for a series of five studies beginning week of 19th February. This year we are using a booklet "**Receiving Christ**". Day/time/venues as follows:
Mon 7.30pm – Leader Mark McHugh Pratt, Host George McDermid – 7 Longformacus Road
Tue 7.30pm – Leader and Host Gerry and Carol Mulvenna, 35 Venturefair Drive (672 1223)
Wed 1.30pm – Leader and Host David Dixon and Alice Anderson, St Barnabas
Wed 2.00pm – Leader and Host Cammy Mackenzie, The Hub, Ravenscroft Street
Thur 10am – Leader and Host Mike Taylor, Liberton Northfield Kirk
Thur 7.00pm – Leader and Host Rosemary Bayne, Mount Alvernia, Lasswade Road
There are sheets available at the back of church to sign up to whichever group suits you best.

Bereavement Service

On behalf of the cluster parishes of St Catherine, St Gregory and St John Vianney we would like to invite you to come along to our bereavement service which is held on the **2nd Saturday of each month in St Gregory's at 9.30am. The next service is Saturday 10th February.**

It is hoped that through joining us you will find some comfort remembering those you have loved and lost. There will be the opportunity in the Service for you to light a candle (if you would like to do so) in memory of your loved one(s). If it is an anniversary or birthday of a loved one and you would like their name mentioned please speak to any member of the group.

Following the service tea and coffee will be served in the hall. This will give those who wish a chance to chat with others who have also been bereaved or with members of the bereavement group. If you would like a chat at home this can also be arranged please give Jacinta Flockhart 664 5581 or Mary Thompson 258 0677 a call and they can arrange this for you.

YOUTH NEWS

Powerpoint Edinburgh: After enjoying our first experience of this great event last November we're going again on **9th February** for a chance to worship in a modern style with amazing music together with hundreds of young people from different churches. Leaving from St Catherine's at **6pm**. Ages S1-S6. Return by public transport (no 11) to St Catherine's by 10.30 pm. More info and permission slips available from Siobhan siobhanfee@hotmail.co.uk

Young Adult Pilgrimage to Holy Island (18+). We will start by travelling to Wooler on Tuesday 3rd April (pm). On Wednesday we will walk the 18 miles to Holy Island following St Cuthbert's Way and spend the night on the island. Mass on Holy Island and return Thursday 5th April. A donation of £25 is recommended. For more info and to book a place please email Fr Anthony johnvianney@blueyonder.co.uk. Few spaces available.

Holy Rood RC High News

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

- We are delighted once again to be hosting **the Rotary Club of Portobello Young Musician of the Year Competition**. This will take place on **Thurs 8 February at 4.30pm in our Assembly Hall**. There are two categories; vocal and instrumental. The winner from each category will proceed to the Rotary District 1020 Young Musician of the Year Competition Area Final at Heriot Watt University. We welcome the parents, carers, friends and families of the Holy Rood, Portobello and Castlebrae High School pupils who are participating. **Admission is free** and refreshments will be served from 3.45pm.
- On Tuesday, we were privileged to host a meeting of the Scottish Education Council, chaired by Deputy First Minister, John Swinney, who thanked us for "our warm welcome and assistance from such fine young people"
- S6 pupils, David Hajecki and Wiktorja Bieslawska, represented Holy Rood at a Holocaust Memorial Service which took place at The Scottish Parliament. The pupils had the privilege to meet Holocaust survivor, Rudi Oppenheimer.
- S1 and S2 pupils performed very well and were awarded 4th place at the "Giant Heptathlon" – a city wide athletics event. Well done to all who competed.
- S1 pupils attended a special Mass in St Mary's Metropolitan Cathedral, celebrating Catholic Education Week and encouraging P7 pupils to think about their transition to High School.
- Upcoming events for parents:- **S3-6 Careers Fair 5pm – 6pm & S5/6 Senior School Information Session Wednesday 7 February , 6pm – 7pm.**

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St Catherine's News

Offertory: £866.06

Gift Aid: £147.

Cleaning Group: 2.

St Gregory's News

Offertory: £188.28; **Gift Aid:** £21.75; **Total:** £298.42

Expenditure: £174.99

Bonus Ball: 16.

The Ladies' Guild are hosting a charity night on Friday 23 February. This year's chosen charity is **Rachel House (CHAS)** and all proceeds will go to this worthy cause. Once again Mark Mulgrew and Sol Christie will provide the entertainment. We would welcome any donations for our raffle. Further details in the newsletter next week.

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.

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.

St John Vianney's News

Church Cleaning: Group 2.

Offertory: £208.43; **Gift Aid:** £65.55; **Total Income:** £483.63

Expenditure: £548.65

SPRED Emma and the SPRED community wish to thank Fr Anthony and St John Vianney's Parish for their warm welcome. The occasion gave us the opportunity to celebrate Mass and Eucharist together and give thanks for the gifts we have been given. Special thanks to the Indian Community for their wonderful food and kind welcome.

Sr Ninian is off parish duties for a few days in order to assist her community at the convent.

Sincere thanks to the family of Mary Devine who donated the Retiral Collection of £219.50 to parish funds.

Mass on Sunday 11th February will be a Children's Mass. All parents are welcome to encourage their children to participate. Mass will be followed by a cartoon of Brother Francis for the children and a session for parents whose children are preparing for Eucharist in the hall.