

# *South East Edinburgh Cluster of Roman Catholic Parishes*

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## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Sixth Ordinary Sunday Year B**

	<b>Saint Gregory's</b>	<b>St John Vianney's</b>	<b>Saint Catherine's</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	No service	9.45am	
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30 am</b> Funeral Anne Gallagher		
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9.45 am Ash Wednesday	7.00 pm Ash Wednesday	10 am Distribution of Ashes
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Communion Service 9.30am	9.45 am	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Communion Service 9.30am		
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Before Vigil Mass or by arrangement.

**Sacrament of Anointing:** By arrangement

**Mass Intentions:** Doreen Adams, Matthew Cormick, Cassie McGeever, Mary Devine, Peggy Smith, Agnes Jamieson, Betty Dryden.

**Anniversaries:** Brian Lightly, James Keegan, David McAllister, William Jamieson, Madge Mason, Charles Smith, Gabriel Newton, Margaret Keaney, Alice Monaghan, Agnes Jamieson, Andrew Anderson, Andrew John Kelly, Ann Stevenson, Tommy Lewis, Anne Pryde, Joan Stuart, Thomas McArdle, Mary Goonan, Kevin Crow, Maisie Marron.

*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](mailto:johnvianney@blueyonder.co.uk) and ask to be added to the mailing list.*

**Reflecting on our Faith: *Models of Christ*** - this week's question

**Adult:** *Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?*

**Children:** *What can you do this week to be an example to others?*

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00-10.30am @ **St Gregory's** (school closed due to holidays): *Why and how do I pray?*

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.00-9.00pm @ St John Vianney Hall: *Why and how should I read the Bible?*

### Sister Mary

Sister Mary was discharged from the Western General Hospital on Monday and is recuperating at the Sacred Heart House in Dalkeith where she spent her previous convalescence after surgery. Should you wish to send a card the address is: "Rosehill", 27 Park Road, Eskbank, Dalkeith EH22 3DH. If you would like to pay her a visit, which she would appreciate, it would be helpful if you contacted Maureen Christie 664 7234 who will keep a "diary" so that not everyone arrives at the same time. Please keep her in your prayers.

### Father Mike

Father Mike continues to battle the Bug. He has a further appointment with the GP as we go to print. Say a prayer that he gets the all clear.

### Faith Sharing Sessions at Harmony Crescent

Dates for the next sessions are: February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, and July 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Edinburgh Newman Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm, Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall, 18 West Mayfield. Fr Jim Lawlor will speak on "**Thou shalt not...!**" **Negative pedagogy, pastoral ministry and 'yes' to life**. All warmly welcome, we ask for a small donation to cover costs.

### Thank You

Thank you so very much for your presence, beautiful cards, gifts and generous donations to my chosen charities on the occasion of my Silver Jubilee Celebrations on Tuesday at St Gregory's. It was a truly wonderful and blessed time and it was a real privilege to share it with you all.

*Sr Jeannette*

## YOUTH NEWS

**Friday Check-in.** Keep on track on your Lenten journey – there's a chance to check-in every Friday of Lent, with God through scripture and silence, and over food with others. Starts Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8 pm at SJV Parish House. For all young people 16+.

**Young Adult Pilgrimage to Holy Island (18+).** We will start by travelling to Wooler on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> April. A donation of £25 is recommended. For more info and to book a place please email Fr Anthony [johnvianney@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto: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 were privileged to host a visit from Maree Todd, Minister for Childcare and Early Years on **Internet Safety Day**. A group of pupils and staff discussed the use of technology in school and in particular, the use of the internet.
- Over 450 pupils had the opportunity to attend our **Careers Fair** and engage with delegates from 43 organisations including Finance, IT, Legal Service, Public Service, Childcare, Construction, Hospitality, Engineering and the Creative Arts. Pupils were also able to seek advice on the opportunities available at Edinburgh College, Queen Margaret University, Napier University, Herriot Watt University and Edinburgh University. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers in attendance for the evening session and receive such positive feedback from all involved.
- Congratulations to S5 pupil, Saskia McCallum, **Future Chef Central Scotland Regional Finalist**. We are very proud of Saskia's great achievement and delighted to share the news that Saskia's mentor has offered her a job in the prestigious Prestonfield House. Saskia has accepted!
- In sport, our S1 Football Team progressed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Scottish Plate after beating Bathgate Academy 4-3.

We take a short break for the February week holiday and will return with an update on 23 Feb.

*Please follow us on twitter @HolyRoodRCHigh*

### Facebook

Remember to like our page at [www.facebook.com/SouthEdinburghRC](http://www.facebook.com/SouthEdinburghRC) to get updates and reflections for Lent.



*A second collection will be taken next week to support the work of the Church in Scotland for Justice and Peace. This collection is normally taken in January.*

### St Catherine's News

**Offertory:** £736.50

**Gift Aid:** £99.

**Cleaning Group:** 3.

#### **Sacramental Preparation**

The sessions for Primary 4 children begin on Sunday 18th February at 10.20 am in the church hall.

### St Gregory's News

**Offertory:** £341.76; **Gift Aid:** £36.75; **Total:** £385.74; **Catholic Education:** £108.39;

**Christmas Raffle:** £190.00

**Expenditure:** £174.99

**Bonus Ball:** 38.

**200 Club** Winning number 67 - £50 to winner, £50 to St Gregory's.

**The Ladies' Guild** are hosting a charity night on Friday 23 February 7.00 – 10.30 pm. Tickets are £7 buffet included, BYOB. All proceeds to Rachel House, CHAS. Names to Dorothy, Maureen or Hazel (for catering). Please support this worthy cause. Once again Mark Mulgrew and Sol Christie will provide the entertainment. We would welcome any donations for our raffle with tickets available week prior to event.

**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

**Offertory:** £471.13; **Gift Aid:** £78.17; **Total Income:** £597.05; **Catholic Education:** £110.42; **Hall:** £265.00

**Expenditure:** £548.65

**Church Cleaning:** Group 3.

**Mass today is 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.

**Teas and Coffee** after Mass on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February.