

# *South East Edinburgh Cluster of Roman Catholic Parishes*

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## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter Year B**

	<b>Saint Gregory's</b>	<b>St John Vianney's</b>	<b>Saint Catherine's</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>		Solemnity of the Annunciation 9.45am	9.00 am
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.45 am		9.00am
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>			9.00 am
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>			9.00 am
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		<i>Divine Renovation</i> Launch Session 7pm	
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>		
<b>Sunday 15<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

**Recently deceased:** Terry Gilhooley

**Mass Intentions:** Alan Watt, Ann Swanston, Tom and Eleanor Gorman, Ally Logan, George Corr, Jayne Storey, Helen and Francis Bagan, Iain Macdonald, Deceased Barrett Family, Ethel Lamont RSCJ, Phil Synott RSCJ, Jordan McGinley, Margaret Hynd, Michael Boyle.

**Anniversaries:** John Mahon, Ella Green, Alasdair Fagan, Veronica Mooney, John Joseph Gilbert, Rose Quigley, Ted Gardner, Patrick McKelvey, Catherine Thomson, Elizabeth Boyle, Roddy MacLean, Elizabeth Bellew, Elizabeth Taylor.

*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.*

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

**Reflecting on our Faith: *Following the Example of Jesus*** - this week's question

**Adult:** *What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?*

**Children:** *What could you and your family do to help others who are in need?*

## ALPHA

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April: **Alpha Taster Session**. St John Vianney Church Hall @ 7-9pm. All invited!

Got  
questions  
about life

Alpha

try Alpha here

Our first cycle of Alpha concluded last week and everybody is talking about it! Why not give it a try at the Taster Session on 19<sup>th</sup> April? Come and enjoy some food and friendship and watch the first session of Alpha. Alpha will be running again April-June as follows:

Starting 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Morning Alpha @ St Gregory's	Mondays 10.30-12noon
Starting 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Alpha @ Danderhall: Salon Sixty-Nine	Mondays 7-9pm
Starting 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Evening Alpha @ St Catherine's Hall	Wednesdays 7-9pm

### Alpha Connect Group

A follow-up to Alpha for **anyone** who wishes to grow as a disciple. Starts Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Every Monday 9.00-10.30am at St Gregory's exploring an overview of the Bible over 8 sessions.



# Divine Renovation

In response to the call to become **missionary disciples** anyone who cares about spreading the Good News and making our faith community a place of **mission not maintenance** is being invited to read, pray and then discuss the book by Fr James Mallon ***Divine Renovation***.

Many parishioners are already reading the book and are feeling challenged and inspired.

You are being invited to do the same and to participate in the small group discussions starting:

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.30-12noon	St Gregory's
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	12.30-2.00pm	St Catherine's
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	6.00-7.30pm	St John Vianney's

There are six sessions in total and groups will meet every two weeks.

Purchase the book online or speak to Gerry to order a copy (£10): [gmulvenna@btinternet.com](mailto:gmulvenna@btinternet.com)

### Divine Renovation Launch Session

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 7-8pm

St John Vianney's Hall

We will be holding an informal launch session of our *Divine Renovation* groups. This will give you a chance to meet other participants over a glass of wine. We will use this opportunity to explain in more detail how we hope your contribution can shape the direction of travel of our faith community. It will also give us a chance to respond to any practical needs such as transport or childcare. We are also exploring the possibility of running a parallel programme for children (aged 8+) and for teenagers, if there is enough interest and help. Children welcome.

## **Cluster Social**

There will be a cluster social on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in Gilmerton Miners' Club, Newtoft Street. Tickets, £7 including buffet, are now on sale and available from Janet Logan (07930 757267) St Catherine's, Hazel O'Donnell (07941 398625) St Gregory's and Susanne Lackie (07446 910846) or Carol Mulvena (07762 924916) St John Vianney's. This is a fund raiser for all three parishes and will include a raffle (tickets on sale also) at £1 a strip. Donations of prizes for the raffle gratefully received!

## **Ecumenical Easter Service of Remembrance**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30 am.** An opportunity to remember those you have loved and lost through readings, poetry and music. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one during the service, should you wish. Tea and coffee will be served in the hall afterwards, giving those who wish a chance to chat with others who have been bereaved. If anyone requires transport please call Jacinta Flockhart – 664 5581 or Mary Thomson – 258 0677.

## **Sister Mary**

Sister Mary is continuing her recuperation at the Sacred Heart House in Dalkeith. "Rosehill", 27 Park Road, Eskbank, Dalkeith EH22 3DH. If you would like to pay her a visit it would be helpful if you contacted Maureen Christie 664 7234 who will keep a "diary".

## **Faith Sharing Sessions at Harmony Crescent**

Dates for the next sessions are: 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.

## **SCIAF WEE Box**

If you haven't done so, please return your WEE Boxes NOW. It's more important than ever that we receive your donations as early as possible, as the **UK government will match all donations we receive by 8<sup>th</sup> May.**

## **Stage and Slam – Offer of accommodation needed**

This year we are working in partnership with Young life at Liberton Kirk to offer 'Stage and Slam' (a Christian outreach and daytime holiday camp) to the young people in our area! As part of this summer programme American young people (16+) join us for a cultural experience whilst volunteering at camp and building relationships with Scottish young people. If you have space to accommodate groups of four (4 young people and 1 leader) between the 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> July then please get in touch with Siobhanfee@hotmail.co.uk or Fr Anthony. More details on how our young people can be involved to follow!

### **YOUTH NEWS**

**docat@stpats:** after the discussion generated last month about economy and inequality we will follow with a closer look at what the Church teaches about a Just Economy for all.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at St Pat's 5.30-7.00pm, followed by pub.

**Youth Pilgrimage to Holy Island** Our group of young pilgrims completed their pilgrimage and reflected about being missionary disciples. All despite some very bad weather:

"We had the most amazing pilgrim journey along St Cuthbert's Way from Wooler to Holy Island! There was so much mud, rain and personal challenge but endless blessings, friendship, adventure and good spirit! It was a real joy to be part of!"

Thank you for all the prayers. Watch this space for the next adventure!

### St Catherine's News

**Offertory:** £1140; **Gift Aid:** £143.

**Cleaning Group:** 5.

**Date for Your Diary: St Catherine's Senior Afternoon Tea Dance** Saturday 26 May 1-4pm in St Catherine's church hall. To all our Senior Members you are warmly invited to the above Afternoon Tea. Please give your name to Janet Logan or Moyra Reynolds. Please also let them know if you require transport or have any dietary requirements. We do hope you can make this, so please, put it in your diary and we will see you there!

### St Gregory's News

**Offertory:** £494.58 (incl £133 Easter Collection); **Total Income:** £517.62; **Gift Aid:** £15.50;

**Expenditure:** £323.59

**Bonus Ball:** 39.

**South East Edinburgh Food Bank** - thanks to everyone who regularly donates. However, donations have dropped a wee bit recently, so how about making an extra effort for Lent? Just bringing one item of non-perishable food each week would make such a difference. The school Easter Holidays will start in a few weeks which can be a difficult time for families who use the Food Bank. Many thanks.

**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.

Many Happy Returns to **Betty Dickinson** who celebrated her **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** this week.

**Tea and Coffee** following Mass next Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome.

### St John Vianney's News

**Offertory:** £452.46; **Total Income:** £536.41; **Gift Aid:** £65;

**Expenditure:** £684.43; **SCIAF WEE Box** £100

**Church Cleaning:** Group 5.

**Edinburgh Direct Aid:** There is a box at the back of church for donations of good clothing/shoes/toiletries and pens/pencils for shipment to the refugee camp in Lebanon. Please do what you can to help them.

**Ladies' Guild:** Due to inclement weather last Wednesday, the guild will meet this Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 pm at Ethel Ferguson's, 36 Moredun Park Street, tel: 07905035841

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