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Church of the Holy Ghost, Yeovil

Parish Address: 73 Higher Kingston, Yeovil, Somerset, BA21 4AR

Also serving

Church of St Michael, Lightgate Road, South Petherton, TA13 5AJ

Chapel of Our Lady and St Augustine of Canterbury, HMS Heron Royal
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Served by the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales (Fransalians - MSFS)

Parish Clergy: Father Jean-Patrice Coulon MSFS; Father Jose
Maliekal MSFS

Priests resident in the Parish: Father David O'Regan; Father
Peter Clarke (Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham)

Parish Administrator: Sue Chant (Monday, Wednesday and Friday
mornings)

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Awaiting Appointment. The Diocesan
Safeguarding Office can be contacted at 0117-954 0993

ROSARY: before weekday Masses at Yeovil, and before Sunday Mass at South
Petherton. All welcome.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 9.15–9.45am; 4.15pm–4.45pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: On request. Please inform one of the clergy if you are
going into hospital. If possible, please seek anointing beforehand.

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Adults seeking to know more about the Catholic Faith
should speak to the Parish Priest, and/or come to the Journey in Faith (RCIA) sessions.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Six months notice for weddings.

HOLY ORDERS: Any man considering a vocation to the Priesthood or Permanent
Diaconate should speak to one of the clergy.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: will be for the Marian Hall Building Fund. Once again we are so grateful for your continued support towards this, and the ideas that are beginning to come through for ways to support the fund. The next event we look forward to is on the 9th of March, with further details below. We very much look forward to welcoming all communities within our Parish at this event..

FILIPINO CULTURAL NIGHT:
the Filipino Community are delighted to invite you to a showcase of Filipino culture through dance, music, art and food at the Marian Hall.

Date: Saturday 9 March 2019

Time: 6:00pm

Tickets: £10 (Adult)

£5 (Child)



All proceeds of this event will go towards

The Marian Hall Building Fund

Details of how to purchase tickets will follow shortly

WE CONTINUE TO OFFER A WARM WELCOME: to Father Peter Clarke who is supplying for us at Holy Ghost, together with Father David at St Michael's while Father Jean-Patrice is away at the General Chapter of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales in Guwuhati, Assam, India, and until Father Jose is able to return from his supply ministry in Devizes. Please remember the General Chapter in your prayers as this will determine the vision and mission of the Missionaries for the next six years.

WOMEN'S WORLD OF PRAYER: Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 1st March at the Church of St Michael Lightgate Road, South Petherton at 2.00pm.

Everyone is welcome. This year we are praying for the people of Slovenia.



A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE - The Year of Prayer:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

There is always a risk in following Jesus, in being a disciple of his. At times he can ask us to do things which almost seem foolish and incomprehensible. 'Put out into deep'. A carpenter is telling a fisherman how to fish! But risk goes hand-in-hand with a certain trust... and that's what Peter has to do; he has to learn to trust where Christ is leading him and where Christ is calling him. As we come before the Lord who calls us, forms us and gifts us to be his disciples, we are called on his terms and to be disciples as he needs us to be, so we appreciate how much in need of him we are. He calls us in spite of our weakness and our inadequacies and his choice of us might seem foolish at times... but he calls us to know him, to come close to him and then draw others to us, 'catching' them, for him. Let's pray to trust him... he knows what he is about.

MASS WITH INDIVIDUAL HEALING PRAYER BY CANDLELIGHT: Will be held at The Shrine of Our Lady St Mary of Glastonbury, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9EJ on Friday 15th February at 7:00pm. It will be celebrated by Fr Bede Rowe. All are welcome to attend. There will be Exposition, Reconciliation and Benediction. For further details, please contact Maggy Payne on 07973 617 057.

CYMFED FLAME: CYMFed Flame is the biggest Catholic Youth Event in the UK. It takes place on Saturday 2nd March 2019 at Wembley Arena. All young people of Secondary school age are invited to join Bishop Declan and thousands of other young people at the fantastic event. To buy your ticket visit www.cliftondiocese.com and click on the Flame logo. Download the booking forms and parental consent, send them in to us and we'll confirm your place! Email: youth@cliftondiocese.com for more information.

We have two young parishioners who would like to go. If a few more young people come forward, then we can run a minibus which will be funded by the parish. Any young person wishing to make their Confirmation this year is invited to go.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS RETREAT AT DOWNSIDE ABBEY "IS THE CHRISTIAN LIFE POSSIBLE TODAY? - A RETREAT ON LIFE IN CHRIST AND THE MEANING OF MODERNITY" 15 TO 17 FEBRUARY 2019:

Keynote speaker, Sebastian Morello of the Centre for Catholic Study in London, following an introductory talk to be given by Dom Anselm Brumwell OSB of Downside Abbey will consider this question over a weekend Retreat. The talks will presume no prior knowledge of the issues, so is an opportunity for young Catholics from 18 to 35ish to think deeply about their Faith, and how they might live out a life in Christ in today's world. There will be opportunities to meet many other young Catholics from near and far, in addition to experiencing something of life in a vibrant Monastery. Further details can be found at www.cliftondiocese.com/event/is-the-christian-life-possible-today/?instance_id=158 or by contacting the organiser rinabird@outlook.com.

CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION: Cardinal Nichols welcomes inquiry into Christian persecution: Cardinal Nichols welcomed the launch of the independent inquiry into Christian persecution around the world, ordered by the government, at a meeting on 30/1/19 in London with the Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt and the Bishop of Truro, Rt Rev Philip Mountstephen, who will be leading the investigation.

The inquiry announced before Christmas and due to report back by Easter with its recommendations was set up as Mr Hunt admitted the UK should be doing more to help Christians. The government estimates that 215 million Christians across the world face persecution on account of their belief. Last year, 3,000 were killed because of their faith.

Cardinal Nichols told the assembled audience that religious faith was becoming increasingly important across the world and pointed to the vitality of Christians as people of hope. He also made the point that being a Christian always involved giving a critique of power.

Mr Hunt said when setting up the inquiry that he would be taking an objective look at how the British government could better respond to the pressing plight of persecuted Christians around the world.

50/50 CLUB WINNERS FEBRUARY: Results of the draw were: 1st D Henderson No. 78, 2nd S Williams No. 36 and 3rd K. Brown No. 15. Well done! Rosemary Johnstone writes: *"I am looking for someone to take over from me to run the 50/50 club as I am moving in May/June of this year. Thanks to everyone who has supported myself and Jo since 2013."*

We remember in our prayers: The Parishes of St Peter, Cirencester, St Aldhem, Malmesbury and St Michael, Tetbury. The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February: **Human Trafficking** - For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence. For the safety of Asia Bibi, and for all Christians persecuted for their faith, particularly in the Philippines. For the repose of the soul of Irene Power Leach, recently deceased. Requiem Mass to be held at St Michael's Church South Petherton at 12 Midday on Tuesday 19th February with Cremation afterwards at Yeovil at 2:00pm.

Last Sunday's Offering: amounted to £670.45. Many thanks for your generosity.

Polish Mass: Every Sunday at 4.30pm.

The Traditional Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite: Every Friday at 6pm (except August).

Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite: Second Sunday at 2.30pm.

Mass at RNAS Yeovilton: Every First Thursday at 12.15pm (except August).

Ecumenical Prayer Group: First Monday of the month at the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

If you have any items for the Bulletin please send to Sue Chant by Tuesday evening at email: yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE:

Father Jean-Patrice writes: On the Sunday after Christmas on the Feast of the Holy Family, we had a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Declan (see <https://cliftondiocese.com/bishop/pastoral-letters/>). At the end of the Letter, the Bishop says:

In the next few years we will have to face challenges which will call us to a new understanding of what it means to be the Church. This is due to a changing world and the reality of a smaller number of priests. This will affect parish life. We are a people of Hope, trusting in God, open to the Holy Spirit, believing that God is present with us and leading us along paths that may be new and challenging but are also life giving.

The Bishop met with the Deans of the various Deaneries of our Diocese before Christmas, and outlined a difficulty which should be clear for some time: there is a very much reduced number of priests for largely the same number of parishes. In observing the dates of birth of the priests serving the parishes in our diocese, it was said that in the year 2022, there will be only 46 diocesan priests (excluding deaths and ordinations) who are 75 years old or younger to serve the 107 parishes in the diocese. An effort was made around ten years ago to combine some of the parishes in the document *Parishes in Communion for Mission*, and indeed some parishes have already been combined, for example in our Deanery, the Parish of Shepton Mallet no longer has its own priest, but shares one with the Parish of Glastonbury. However, the age profile of the existing clergy requires a plan to be put in place for the near future.

There will be an opportunity to voice your opinions about possible solutions at the **Deanery Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 20 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall of Our Lady, St Mary of Glastonbury, Magdalene Street, BA6 9EJ**. You may also send any thoughts to our Dean, Father Louis Beasley-Suffolk by email to stlukesoffice@virgin.net or by post to Parish of St Luke and St Teresa, South Street, Wincanton, BA9 9DH. At this point, please do not write to the Bishop, as the Dean will collate all the opinions of parishioners of the Deanery, and then pass them on to the Bishop.

Please be aware that this consultation is to prepare for what our Deanery will look like in the year 2022. What the above should make us aware of is our need to pray for vocations to the priesthood, and to pray for our current priests that they be kept in good physical, emotional and spiritual health. It should also be obvious that the old way of thinking about parishes needs to change. We are now **mission territory**, and we can consider the Deanery as if it were one parish, with our resources being pooled, at least to a certain extent. The Diocesan Vision **A Future Full of Hope**, with the three years of **Mission, Prayer and Communion** are there to help us to find this common purpose of proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

Mass and Service Times for the Week Ahead

Saturday 9th February - First Mass of Sunday

5:00pm Intentions of the Novak Family (*Mrs M Warman*) Holy Ghost

Sunday 10th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Celebrant's Intention St Michael's

10:30am Pro Populo Holy Ghost

6:30pm Alan Tupman RIP (*Foundation Mass*) Holy Ghost

Monday 11th February - Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of Prayer for the Sick and those who care for them)

10:00am For the Sick and Housebound of our Parish Holy Ghost

Tuesday 12th February - Weekday in Ordinary Time

10:00am **No Mass today** Holy Ghost

Wednesday 13th February - Weekday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Intentions of Lucy Pallett-Wallis RIP (*Anniversary*) Holy Ghost

Thursday 14th February - Feast of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe

10:00am Celebrant's Intention St Michael's

12:15pm **Next Mass on Thursday 7th March (No Mass in February)** RNAS Yeovilton

Friday 15th February - Weekday in Ordinary Time

10:00am Intentions of Jack and Helen Murphy (*The Novak Family*) Holy Ghost
No Adoration today

6:00pm **No Latin Mass until Friday 1 March** Holy Ghost

Saturday 16th February - Our Lady on Saturday

10:00am **No Mass or Confessions this morning** Holy Ghost
First Mass of Sunday

5:00pm Intentions of the Bottrell Family (*Mrs M Warman*) Holy Ghost

Sunday 17th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Celebrant's Intention St Michael's

10:30am Intentions of Sarah Fletcher (*Mr and Mrs F Brennan*) Holy Ghost

6:30pm Pro Populo Holy Ghost

LECTIO DIVINA: will be every Thursday **at 7:00pm**. The next meeting will be held in the Presbytery.