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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  
Naval Air Station, Yeovilton, BA22 8HT

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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.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS:** In this holy season, where we are invited to watch and wait for the Lord who is to come, there is a possibility with meeting with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and the Mass. There will be two extra Masses on **Tuesdays at 6.30am in the morning, and Thursdays at 6.30pm in the evening.** Adoration will be on Tuesdays from 7am to 10am; Wednesdays from 3pm to 6pm (with recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm); and Thursdays from 7pm to 10pm. Please sign up for an hour so that there are at least two people in the church at any one time.

There will also be Visiting Confessors: Father Peter Clarke will be at the Holy Ghost on Saturdays 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 3.45pm to 4.45pm; and Fathers Louis Beasley-Suffolk and Philip Thomas will be there on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm to 8pm. As well as the usual Saturday times, and by request, parishioners are encouraged to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.

**NEXT COLLECTION FOR THE MARIAN HALL BUILDING FUND:** Will normally be on the 3rd Sunday of the month, but due to Christmas the next collection will be **this Sunday 2nd December.** Your support is vital to keeping the momentum going. Thank you.

**DOUBLE YOUR MONEY!:** Thanks to a generous benefactor, we have an innovative way of raising funds for the Marian Hall for the benefit of our parishioners: starting two weeks ago, and continuing for these next two Sundays, whatever is offered in the First Collection in cash that is not Gift-aided will be doubled through this generous gift. Please take advantage of this generous offer, in particular if for whatever reason you are not able to contribute to the Parish via Gift Aid.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019:** *Father Jean-Patrice writes:* 'Classes will begin in January for children who are in Year 3 or above to make their First Holy Communion in June 2019. It will be necessary for parents to enrol their children with me or Father Jose on these three following Sundays after Mass. No further enrolment will be possible after this time.'

**CLIFTON DIOCESAN 2019 LITURGICAL DIARIES AND DIRECTORIES:** are now on sale at the back of both Churches. The Diary is £6 and the Directory is £5.

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC DECEMBER 2018:**

**December 7th 7:30pm St John's Church.** Christmas concert by Yeovil People's Choir. A number of our parishioners are singing. Do come along.

**December 16th 3:30pm All Saints Church West Camel Carol Service.** This year our choir has been cordially invited to join in with preparing for this service. The invitation to the service itself, is to the whole parish, do come and join us.

**December 24th 10:30pm Yeovil Holy Ghost Church.** A service of readings and carols before the mass at 11:00pm.



## GLOBAL HEALING - HOW FAITH HELPS US CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME:

Global Healing is a film-based resource to help us to respond to the damage being done to our planet – our common home. It's for parishes, groups and individuals and aims to inform, challenge and equip people to engage with Pope Francis' vital call to Care For Our Common Home.



Bishop John Arnold, the Chair of the Bishops' Environmental Advisory Group:

"Pope Francis calls on all of us to respond and this resource will help us do that together in our communities and families - for the sake of future generations.

"As Bishops, we are so very grateful to all of you who will make the time and effort to respond to Pope Francis' passionate plea to care for our common home."

*The film and discussion will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at the Parish Centre. You can also access the resources yourself at [www.ourcommonhome.co.uk/](http://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk/)*

**We remember in our prayers:** The Parishes of St Antony, Henbury and Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December: **Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith.** That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time. For the safety of Asia Bibi, and for all Christians persecuted for their faith. For Migrants and Refugees.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** amounted to £593.51. The Second Collection for the Catholic Youth Service came to £342.40. 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).

**Lectio Divina (Bible Reading) Group:** Will continue in the New Year.

**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](mailto:yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com).

**BISHOP DECLAN LAUNCHES THE 'YEAR OF PRAYER':** On Tuesday 27 November, Bishop Declan launched the Year of Prayer at Clifton Cathedral. In a celebration of evening prayer he presented to each parish, community and school in the diocese the resources for the Year of Prayer starting this Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent.

In his message, Bishop Declan said that although we focus our attention upon prayer, mission is not finished, but we continue to reflect upon mission with a spirit of prayer. He continued to say that prayer is a conversation with God and is a conversation with others. It is not a one-way conversation but that the conversation we have in prayer is one both of speaking but above all of listening.

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The Year of Prayer is the second of the bishop's threefold vision of Mission, Prayer and Communion. These will follow the cycle of the Church's year and begin with the season of Advent.

Year of Mission: Advent 2017 – Advent 2018

Year of Prayer: Advent 2018 – Advent 2019

Year of Communion: Advent 2019 – Advent 2020

Each has its own document with resources and reflections in order to spur us on to more active engagement in the work of Christ. The aim of these three years is to give us the tools we need in order to be able to take a firm grip on the future that the Lord calls us to. The symbol of the anchor, which recurs through-out the document, reminds us that the anchor which holds us fast is the knowledge of God's love for us.

The Year of Prayer, which we now begin, is not intended to turn us away from mission but to deepen our understanding that it is prayer which gives life and strength to our mission, it is prayer which is the source of our mission.

In the year of mission we were reminded that the source of mission is a renewed personal encounter with Christ. Pope Francis wrote:

*'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms'.*

To encounter Christ is to be caught up in a relationship of prayer. We don't encounter Christ and then later pray – the encounter with Christ is prayer, it is the beginning of our relationship with Christ, which is the essence of prayer.

This booklet is not a treatise on prayer or an introduction to prayer it is rather a resource to help us to reflect on the rich patterns of prayer that already exist in our

parishes and communities and a call to deepen that prayer. This resource is to help us reflect on the many ways we already encounter Christ and an invitation to see the ways in which the Lord invites us to encounter him anew.

The Year of Prayer is intended to call us to a 'renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.' Pope Benedict wrote:

*'Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.'*

There are countless ways in which we can encounter Jesus Christ but in this resource we will focus on encountering Christ in personal prayer and in the Liturgy.

*There will be a presentation of the Resource Booklet on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**. The Meeting will also offer the possibility of a forum for parishioners to think how the Year can be put into our practice in our Parish. You can view Bishop Declan's homily on Tuesday at [www.cliftondiocese.com/news/bishop-declan-launches-the-year-of-prayer/](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/news/bishop-declan-launches-the-year-of-prayer/) as well as downloading the Resource Booklet.*

## **A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE - The Year of Prayer**

### **First Sunday of Advent**

As we begin this Year of Prayer we are immediately drawn into the Gospel of St Luke. At Christmas we will hear of the birth of Christ but this Sunday we listen to some of the final words of the Gospel when Jesus speaks of the end of the world 'on earth nations in agony.....when the powers of the heaven will be shaken'. It reminds us of the twofold nature of Advent. We are called to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' nativity but also to make way for the second coming of Christ at the end of time. The two comings of Christ go together and if we have accepted the first we have nothing to fear from the second. The word of Jesus is to trust in Him. 'When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'



## **PARISH OF THE HOLY GHOST PIETY SHOP :**

You can purchase:

- Missals; Mass Cards/Prayer Cards
- Christmas/Easter Cards
- Rosaries; Crucifixes
- Christian Icons; First Holy Communion Gifts and Cards

Open on the **first Sunday of each month** after the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Centre. Please help support your Parish. For further information please contact Ann Burrell on 01935 473663.



# Mass and Service Times for the Week Ahead

## Saturday 1st December - First Mass of Sunday

5:00pm Pro Populo Holy Ghost

## Sunday 2nd December - First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

9:00am Holy Souls (November List) 12 St Michael's

10:30am Deceased Members of the Friends in Retirement Club Holy Ghost  
(Friends in Retirement Club)

6:30pm Living and Deceased Members of the Batchelder Family Holy Ghost  
(Foundation Mass)

## Monday 3rd December - Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

10:00am Keith Stirling RIP (Mrs S Stirling) Holy Ghost

## Tuesday 4th December - Memorial of Saint Osmund, Bishop

6:30am Holy Souls (November List) 13 Holy Ghost  
Followed by Adoration until 10am

10:00am Brian and Phyllis Carpenter RIP (Mr and Mrs Brennan) Holy Ghost

## Wednesday 5th November - Weekday of Advent

10:00am Daniel Lawrence RIP (First Anniversary) (Mrs M Want) Holy Ghost

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration until 6pm Holy Ghost

## Thursday 6th November - Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop

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

12:15pm Intentions of the Personnel RNAS Yeovilton

6:30pm Holy Souls (November List) 14 Holy Ghost  
Followed by Adoration until 10pm

## Friday 7th November - Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

10:00am William Martin RIP (Miss P Histon) Holy Ghost  
Followed by Adoration (Benediction at 11:15am)

6:00pm John Shepherd RIP (Anniversary) (Mrs P Southgate) Holy Ghost  
Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite

## Saturday 8th December - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Primary Patron of the Diocese

10:00am Holy Souls (November List) 15 Holy Ghost  
First Mass of Sunday

5:00pm Shaun Patrick Duffy RIP (Foundation Mass) Holy Ghost

## Sunday 9th December - Second Sunday of Advent

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

10:30am Margaret Foley RIP (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) (Mr P Foley) Holy Ghost

6:30pm Pro Populo Holy Ghost