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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

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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

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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 THIS SUNDAY: is for Easter Flowers. Thank you in advance for your generosity in donating towards the beautiful flowers which will be used to helping our churches look beautiful for the Easter festivities.

EASTER OFFERING: The collection on Easter Sunday is one of two offerings that go directly to the clergy as a sign of our gratitude for their work. For parishioners who will be away but wish to contribute, there are envelopes available at the back of both churches.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES OF THE HOLY LAND:

This annual collection contributes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Christian Shrines of the Holy Land. It also offers financial support to the Christian communities living in the Holy Land at times when they are experiencing opposition and suffering.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY FAYRE: on **Saturday 11th May 2019**

11:00am - 2:00pm in the Marian Hall. Teresa Taylor would love to hear from anyone who is willing to help. It promises to be a fun event with stalls including Cakes, Books, Plants, Produce, Sweets, Homeware, Bottles, Beauty, Jarbola and Face Painting etc. Light lunches and cream teas will also be available. There will also be a raffle. Entry is free. If you are able to help with the event or can offer any donations for the stalls i.e. Good quality books, plants, produce or prizes for the raffle then it would be really appreciated. If you can help support this please contact Teresa Taylor on 01935 413995.

LATEST UPDATE: We are looking for plants for the **PLANT STALL**, and would be grateful for any contributions prior to the Fayre or on the day before (Friday 10th May). Please contact Sheila Stirling 0777 8156 317 or 01935 872468. Thank you very much.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE: will take place at St Michaels, South Petherton. Tickets will be available each Sunday before and after Mass. Draw to take place on Easter Sunday after Mass.



MARIAN HALL UPDATE: *Father Jean-Patrice writes:* As the third Sunday of the month falls on Easter Sunday, the collection will be taken the following Sunday on 27/28 April. The Hall is receiving a good number of bookings, and I am grateful to our Parish Administrator Sue Chant for managing them, and to Soria Camille-Betts who has a small job in cleaning it, although all users are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. With the sale of the previous Polling Station, the Marian Hall has now been designated as the local Polling Station, and will be used for the forthcoming Local Election, and the European Elections (possibly). This use is a good way of promoting the Hall as available for the local community, and will hopefully help in securing grants for its regeneration.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY - GOD'S MERCY FOR THE BRITISH ISLES SUNDAY APRIL 28TH 2019 AT 3PM:

The first anniversary of **Rosary on the Coast** falls providentially on Divine Mercy Sunday, 28 April!

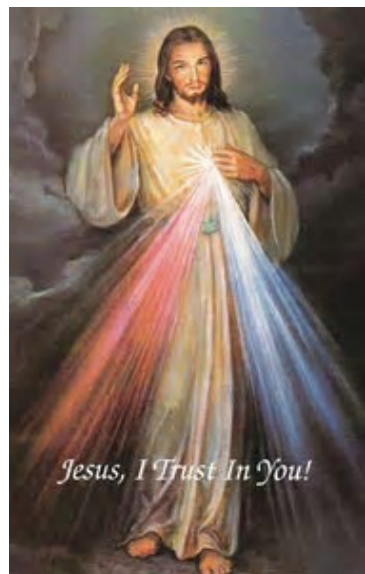
Be a Prophet of Prayer & Sacrifice for these Isles and the Church! Trust in God's Mercy and cry out unceasingly to the Lord for his Mercy to enfold the British Isles this Divine Mercy Sunday!

Our event this year takes place in Church (not on the coast) as the Divine Mercy Feast Day requires Holy Mass alongside a programme which may include Adoration, Rosary, Meditation on the Passion, Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy, Chaplet of Mercy, Talk on Confession & the renewal of the Sacrament of Confession.

The Rosary will begin at 2pm and then at 3pm there will be the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by devotions for the Hour of Mercy. Our intention together at this moment is to invoke God's Mercy upon the whole world and especially upon our Isles. We pray for a renewal of Faith, Life and Peace. This will be an intense moment of intercession – we are pleading for the spiritual renewal of our Isles.

St. Faustina explained the importance of praying for our Nations. St. Faustina wrote in her Diary – "I often pray for Poland, but I see God is very angry with it because of its ingratitude. I exert all the strength of my soul to defend it. I constantly remind God of the promises of His mercy. When I see His anger, I throw myself trustingly into the abyss of His Mercy, and I plunge all Poland in it, and then He cannot use His justice. My country, how much you cost me! There is no day in which I do not pray for you. (1188). Further details at www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk.

The first Day of the Divine Mercy Novena is on Good Friday, which will take place at the Holy Ghost after the 3pm Service. Confessions will be available after the Novena.



LORD'S LARDER - EASTER APPEAL: With Easter in the middle of April this year, the Lord's Larder are able to accept Easter Eggs and Easter Biscuits, which will go out in food parcels for those most in need. With your support in February **246 adults and 131 children** in need of emergency food parcels in South Somerset were helped. Many thanks for all your continued support. Other items running short are:

Cuppa Soup	Jars Meat Paste	Tinned Mince	Tinned Potato
Tinned Custard	Jars Pasta Sauce	Long Life Milk	Cereals
Tins of Carrots	Sugar	Biscuits	Tinned Dog Food

Please remember out of date items, or items that have already been opened cannot be accepted.



A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE - The Year of Prayer:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

All of us have probably experienced rollercoaster days which can cause us to go from a state of great joy into one of despair. As we recall the events of Jesus entering Jerusalem and all that followed on from that euphoric entry, we are invited into the suffering and death of Jesus, to focus on an experience which Jesus freely participated in. This does not mean that it was easy. Suffering by its very nature is painful, whether it be emotional, psychological or physical. One week on from today we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus but during the week ahead we remember that Jesus continues to suffer in His body, that is in the people who are suffering today, victims of abuse, of injustice, of betrayal and of persecution. As we reflect on this let us pray for these victims that, they too, will rise with the Lord.

HEALING SERVICE: will take place at St John the Evangelist, South Parade, Bath on **Friday 26 April at 7pm.** There will be Adoration, Reconciliation, Holy Mass and Healing. Father Gary from the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist (who visited here recently) is the preacher.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS IN YEOVIL: The Good Friday Walk of Witness of the Yeovil Churches will start at 11am outside St Andrew's Church in Preston Grove and then move on to: 11.30 - Huish car park; 12 noon - South Street Baptist Church/King George Street Post Office; 12.10pm - St John the Baptist Church with a short service led by Baptist Minister Rev Dave Hibbin; then walking along Middle Street to: 12.40pm - Bandstand, then the usual Christian Aid lunch at Vicarage Street Methodist Church.

Keith Stevens of St John's writes: "Please feel free to join and leave the Walk at any stage. We are grateful that the Salvation Army Band will be in attendance at the Service outside St John's and for a final hymn at the Bandstand. At all the stopping points there will be a reading/prayer. We have 100 Good Friday tracts to offer to those who would like to know why it's called GOOD Friday and to give out 200 individually wrapped hot cross buns with a note of explanation attached to them explaining the significance of the cross on the bun on this day. Volunteers to carry and distribute these together with a volunteer to carry the cross from 12 noon would be very much appreciated. Thank you again for your fellowship in the Lord whom we seek to serve and honour together, especially during Holy Week."

There are also Meditations for Holy Week (35 mins duration) on Monday and Tuesday 15th and 16th April at St Andrew's Church at 7.30pm. On Wednesday 17th April at St Andrew's Church at 7.30pm, there will be Passiontide music led by Yeovil Chamber Choir.

APF RED BOXES: Please note that these will be emptied during April, so please return them as soon as you can. Thank you.

CHRISM MASS: will be at Clifton Cathedral on **Wednesday 17 April at 11.30am**. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this important occasion in the life of our Diocese and the Church. If you would like to go, please speak to Father Jean-Patrice. If enough people would like to go, the parish can pay for the hire of a minibus.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN MASS: Altar Servers are invited to Mass on **Easter Monday 22 April** at 10am, when new members will be enrolled into the Guild. It is an opportunity for parishioners to celebrate and thank our altar servers for the good work that they do.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: the repose of the soul of Father Huebert Miranda, Parish Priest at St Michael's, Pollards Hill, Croydon, who died recently just short of his 68th birthday following several months of illness. Some parishioners will remember that he completed his novitiate for the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales here, and was also an Assistant Priest here. His funeral will take place at the church of St Boniface, 185 Mitcham Road, Tooting, London SW17 9PG on **Wednesday 1 May at 12pm**, followed by private cremation. The reception of the body together with Mass will be held at his own Parish Church of Pollards Hill the night before. We also remember our parishioner, Philomena Harris whose funeral will take place on **Tuesday 23 April at 11am** followed by burial with her husband Ken in Yeovil Cemetery.

We remember in our prayers: The Parish of St Catharine of Alexandria, Frome, with St Dominic, Mells. The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April: **Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones:** For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others. For all Christians persecuted for their faith. For candidates receiving the Sacraments at Easter. For Philomena Harris, Father Huebert Miranda and Doreen Langdon recently deceased.

Last Sunday's Offering: amounted to £663.67. 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.

Lectio Divina: Every Thursday at 7.00pm in the Presbytery (not this Maundy Thursday).

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

CARDINAL: HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TO BUILD DISCIPLINE AND SELF-CONTROL IN THEIR LIVES TO COUNTER GANG CULTURE:

Cardinal Vincent Nichols joined other church leaders in central London for a rally to call for an end to knife crime, to demand action and to stand alongside young people, families and communities affected by the scourge of violent crime.

The Standing Together rally against knife crime and youth violence took place in Trafalgar Square on Saturday, 6 April 2019. Speaking afterwards, Cardinal Nichols spoke about the need to provide young people with alternatives to gangs:

"The only way of counteracting a gang culture is to create for young people a sense of belonging to something else - something that's positive, creative and attractive to them.

"I had a request from a priest this week who's looking to start a boxing club in his parish. In my youth in Liverpool there were a lot of Catholic parishes with boxing clubs because they taught discipline and the right use of strength. They even produced a few world champions - John Conteh was one - but this was the alternative to gang culture and this is the kind of reaction we need to involve young people in a way that calls out their commitment and helps them to build discipline and self-control in their lives, and that's the best counter to some of the worst influences today."

The Cardinal also made reference to negative social media influences:

"In families and schools we need to be scrupulous in telling each other the truth and not hiding behind the half-truths, crudeness and unworthiness of things that are cheap, quick and popular today. Young people need deep roots so they can stand tall and grow to their full potential.

He also had a direct message to young people who have found themselves involved in gangs or carrying knives:

"If you or your friends are involved in gangs, try to find a way out. If you or your friends carry or possess knives, go to one of the banks and anonymously get rid of the knife in your possession - just get rid of it. It doesn't make you safer it puts you at risk of using it and not only will you cause harm to somebody else, you'll damage your own life.

"So build friendships, find places where you can go and sit and honestly talk and share your experiences with other people. Say your prayers - turn to God, turn to Christ and let your life grow from that relationship with Jesus rather than from anywhere else."

Continuing to talk about the need for prayer and to look to the Cross not just as a place of sorrow and suffering but a place that witnesses the birth of new hope, he said:

"For families worried about their youngsters, talk, talk, keep talking. To families who are worried and strained in their relationships, find times of silence when you sit together - say a simple prayer."

Listen to the full eight-minute podcast using the SoundCloud player embedded at the top of the page <http://catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/Counter-Gang-Culture>.

BENEDICT XVI ADDRESSES SEX ABUSE SCANDAL:

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In an essay published Thursday at CNA, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI offered his thoughts about the sex abuse crisis facing the Church. Benedict reviewed the sexual revolution of the 1960s, and examined its effects on priestly formation and life, before suggesting the Church’s proper response.

“Today, the accusation against God is, above all, about characterizing His Church as entirely bad, and thus dissuading us from it. The idea of a better Church, created by ourselves, is in fact a proposal of the devil, with which he wants to lead us away from the living God, through a deceitful logic by which we are too easily duped,” Benedict wrote in “The Church and the Scandal of sexual abuse,” published April 11.

“No, even today the Church is not just made up of bad fish and weeds. The Church of God also exists today, and today it is the very instrument through which God saves us.”

The emeritus pope’s essay was published simultaneously in German at Klerusblatt, in Italian at Corriere della Sera, and in English at Catholic News Agency and the National Catholic Register.

The former pope said the sex abuse crisis cannot be understood apart from its wider social context, noting that “in the 1960s an egregious event occurred...the previously normative standards regarding sexuality collapsed entirely, and a new normalcy arose.”

“This was in many ways a very difficult time ... the extensive collapse of the next generation of priests in those years and the very high number of laicizations were a consequence of all these developments.”

Concurrently but independently, “Catholic moral theology suffered a collapse that rendered the Church defenseless against these changes in society,” he wrote.

The crisis of moral theology led to an abandonment of the idea of intrinsic evil, and a rejection of the role of the Magisterium by some theologians, to which the 1993 encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* was, in part, a response.

Benedict wrote: "There are values which must never be abandoned for a greater value and even surpass the preservation of physical life," calling martyrdom "a basic category of Christian existence."

"There is a minimum set of morals which is indissolubly linked to the foundational principle of faith and which must be defended if faith is not to be reduced to a theory but rather to be recognized in its claim to concrete life," the emeritus pope reflected.

He also discussed the ecclesial reaction to paedophilia, noting that the 1983 Code of Canon Law "did not seem sufficient for taking the necessary measures," and that over time "a renewal and deepening of the deliberately loosely constructed criminal law of the new Code began to take shape."

Benedict reflected on Christ's saying that "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung round his neck and he were thrown into the sea."

"The phrase 'the little ones' in the language of Jesus means the common believers who can be confounded in their faith by the intellectual arrogance of those who think they are clever. So here Jesus protects the deposit of the faith with an emphatic threat of punishment to those who do it harm," he explained.

"The modern use of the sentence is not in itself wrong, but it must not obscure the original meaning," in which it is clear "that it is not only the right of the accused that is important and requires a guarantee. Great goods such as the Faith are equally important."

"A balanced canon law that corresponds to the whole of Jesus' message must therefore not only provide a guarantee for the accused, the respect for whom is a legal good. It must also protect the Faith ... A properly formed canon law must therefore contain a double guarantee – legal protection of the accused, legal protection of the good at stake. If today one puts forward this inherently clear conception, one generally falls on deaf ears when it comes to the question of the protection of the Faith as a legal good. In the general awareness of the law, the Faith no longer appears to have the rank of a good requiring protection. This is an alarming situation which must be considered and taken seriously by the pastors of the Church."

He said the decision to give competence for cases of clerical paedophilia to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, rather than the Congregation for the Clergy "is a consequence of the importance of the Faith for the Church. In fact, it is important to see that such misconduct by clerics ultimately damages the Faith."

Benedict finally turned to what ought to be done: "Only obedience and love for our Lord Jesus Christ can point the way."

"The Lord has initiated a narrative of love with us and wants to subsume all creation in it. The counterforce against evil, which threatens us and the whole world, can

ultimately only consist in our entering into this love. It is the real counterforce against evil. The power of evil arises from our refusal to love God. He who entrusts himself to the love of God is redeemed. Our being not redeemed is a consequence of our inability to love God. Learning to love God is therefore the path of human redemption.”

“A paramount task, which must result from the moral upheavals of our time, is that we ourselves once again begin to live by God and unto Him. Above all, we ourselves must learn again to recognize God as the foundation of our life instead of leaving Him aside,” Benedict stated.

The emeritus pope also said there must be a profound appreciation of the astoundingness of the Incarnation, and, through it, Christ’s presence in the Eucharist.

“The Second Vatican Council was rightly focused on returning this sacrament of the Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ ... to the center of Christian life and the very existence of the Church. In part, this really has come about, and we should be most grateful to the Lord for it.”

But “a rather different attitude is prevalent,” he said. “What predominates is not a new reverence for the presence of Christ’s death and resurrection, but a way of dealing with Him that destroys the greatness of the Mystery,” citing declining participation in Sunday Mass and treatment of the Eucharist as “a mere ceremonial gesture.”

“We do not need another Church of our own design. Rather, what is required first and foremost is the renewal of the Faith in the Reality of Jesus Christ given to us in the Blessed Sacrament.”

While “there is sin in the Church and evil ... even today there is the Holy Church, which is indestructible. Today there are many people who humbly believe, suffer and love, in whom the real God, the loving God, shows Himself to us.”

“In the trial against the devil, Jesus Christ is the first and actual witness for God, the first martyr, who has since been followed by countless others.”

Witnesses can be found today “who stand up for God with their life and suffering. It is an inertia of the heart that leads us to not wish to recognize them. One of the great and essential tasks of our evangelization is, as far as we can, to establish habitats of Faith and, above all, to find and recognize them,” Benedict concluded.

Father Jean-Patrice writes: The full letter of Pope Benedict is recommended to be read and can be seen at <https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2019/04/10/full-text-of-benedict-xvi-the-church-and-the-scandal-of-sexual-abuse/>. When he resigned from his office, Pope Benedict declared that he would live a life of solitude and make no interventions in order not to impede the work of the next Pope. However, Pope Francis has generously offered possibilities for Pope Benedict to make occasional entrances onto the stage of the Church. It is an indication of the gravity of this scandal that Pope Benedict has spoken out (with the approval of Pope Francis), and we should heed his call to prayer in this time of great crisis.

Mass and Service Times for the Week Ahead

Saturday 13th April - First Mass of Sunday

5:00pm In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart (*Mrs P Ashworth*) Holy Ghost

Sunday 14th April - **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:00am Bernard and Ellen Tierney RIP (*Foundation Mass*) St Michael's

10:30am Pro Populo Holy Ghost

6:30pm Sostamma Thomas Aranjanil RIP (*Mrs T Taylor*) Holy Ghost

Monday 15th April - Monday of Holy Week (*Fig Monday*)

10:00am Special Intention (*Mr Johns Thomas*) Holy Ghost

1:00pm **Funeral Service for Doreen Langdon RIP** Holy Ghost

Tuesday 16th April - Tuesday of Holy Week (*Temple Tuesday*)

10:00am Wally and Kath Sales RIP (*Mrs H Farmer*) Holy Ghost

Wednesday 17th April - Wednesday of Holy Week (*Spy Wednesday*)

11:00am Chrism Mass Clifton Cathedral

2:30pm **Stations of the Cross** St Michael's

6:30pm Intentions of Jithu Johns (Birthday) (*Mr and Mrs Johns Thomas*) Holy Ghost

Thursday 18th April - **THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM - HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY**

12:15pm **Next Mass Thursday 2nd May** RNAS Yeovilton

7:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Holy Ghost

Pro Populo

Followed by Adoration finishing with Compline at 10.00pm

Friday 19th April - **FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY) Day of Fast and Abstinence**

11:00am **Ecumenical Walk of Witness** - starting at St Andrew, Preston Town Centre
onwards Grove, then various stops towards the Town (see bulletin)

3:00pm **The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** Holy Ghost

3:00pm Reading of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross St Michaels

7:00pm **Stations of the Cross** Holy Ghost

Saturday 20th April - **HOLY SATURDAY**

9:15am *Church open from 9:15-9:45 for Confessions* Holy Ghost

EASTER VIGIL

9:00pm Pro Populo Holy Ghost

Sunday 21st April - **SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (EASTER)**

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

10:30am Maria George RIP (Birthday) (*Mr S George*) Holy Ghost

6:30pm **No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday** Holy Ghost
(Mass in Polish at 4.30pm)