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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

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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 **Christians Against Poverty**. We are pleased to welcome Ian Croxford to the 10:30am Sunday Mass at Yeovil from Christians Against Poverty. "They are a charity who are on a mission to release thousands of families from grinding poverty through award winning debt counselling and community groups. By equipping and empowering local churches to reach out on their doorsteps, they're bringing hope to over 21,500 families every year. It keeps families together, relieves stress, restores health, keeps families in their homes, provides friendship and can connect people to church and to the God that loves them."

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your support on World Mission Sunday will help brave missionaries in building a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for our mission of the Church. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

APF RED BOXES: *Susan Lewis writes:* 'APF Red Boxes will be emptied in October. Parish members are welcome to help yourself to the APF magazines available at the back of the church. Thank you.'

FUNDRAISING BOLLYWOOD NIGHT: Many thanks to our Keralan South Indian Community who have kindly organised a Cultural Evening of a Curry Night together with music and dancing from their region of South West India. It will take place on **Saturday 27th October from 6pm in the Marian Hall. Ticket prices are £10 for adults and £5 for children.** The Event is a fundraiser to build our new Marian Hall, and so we need all parishioners to support it. It is an excellent opportunity to bring friends and meet fellow parishioners. Tickets can be bought on the day, and after all Masses (volunteers needed to sell them!).

DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL: will be held at English Martyrs Parish Hall, Chard, TA20 1EP this **Thursday 18th October at 7.30pm.** All Welcome.

YOUTH SYNOD: During October, Pope Francis is holding a synod in Rome on Youth, Faith and Vocational discernment. For the week of **15th - 21st October**, our Diocese is entering into a time of **focus and prayer** for young people. Prayers for each day are available along with many more resources for young people, cathchists and parishes from your parish and from www.cliftondiocese.com you can follow our social media journey to the Synod each day using [@cliftonyouth](https://twitter.com/cliftonyouth).

INDONESIA DISASTER AND CAFOD SUPPORT: The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD) are working in conjunction with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to help the victims of the recent tsunami in Indonesia. Parishioners are welcome to donate directly to CAFOD by clicking on the following link www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Indonesia-tsunami or call 08085 85 88 85, or you can post your donation to CAFOD, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB.

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE - The Year of Mission

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Where are we grounded? Where are we anchored and rooted? Is it in things, possessions, treasures or are we rooted and anchored in God? Are we defined by what we have or by what we do... or are we defined by our relationship with the Lord. In today's Gospel there is a challenge to 'let go' of everything and to find security, strength, and an understanding of who we are in our relationship with the Lord. It is only when we let God dwell at the centre, when we are defined by his love for us, that we come to understand the freedom and the life he offers us; when we are weighed down by our possessions we find it is our possessions that possess us. In all we do to proclaim the Gospel this week, let us reveal what it is that dwells at the heart of our life because of the way we live and the way we love.

SAVE THE DATE - CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

2018: The countdown to the Christmas Fayre has now begun and there are now only 7 Saturdays to go! We want to make this Year's Fayre the biggest yet and can only do so with the kind support and generosity of each and every one of you. If you are able to help in any way at all, or have any ideas please contact Marlene Harrison on 01935 881563 or 07583555432 or email hellomalteser@gmail.com Thank you.

PASTORAL STATISTICS: Final Mass Count **is this Sunday 14th October.**

We remember in our prayers: The Parish of the Holy Family, Patchway, Bristol. The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for October: **Evangelization: The Mission of Religious;** That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice. For the young people gathering in Rome for the Youth Synod.

Last Sunday's Offering: amounted to £589-27. 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.

A NEW APOLOGETICS: BISHOP BARRON'S YOUTH SYNOD INTERVENTION

Why do young people in our own Catholic secondary schools read Shakespeare in literature class, Homer in Latin class, and Einstein in physics class, but, far too often, superficial texts in religion?

NOTE: Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop in Los Angeles, USA offered the following intervention at the Vatican during the 2018 Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. For more Synod content from Bishop Barron, visit www.WordFromRome.com, where you'll find behind-the-scenes videos, interviews, commentaries, and more.

Jesus' encounter with two erstwhile disciples on the road to Emmaus provides a beautiful template for the Church's work of accompaniment across the ages. The Lord walks with the couple, even as they move away from Jerusalem, which is to say, spiritually speaking, in the wrong direction. He does not commence with a word of judgment, but rather with attention and quiet encouragement. Jesus continues to listen, even as they recount, accurately enough, all the data having to do with him. But then, knowing that they lack the interpretive pattern that will make sense of the data, he upbraids them ("Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!"), and then he lays out the form ("beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures."). He listens with love, and he speaks with force and clarity.

Innumerable surveys and studies over the past ten years have confirmed that young people frequently cite intellectual reasons when asked what has prompted them to leave the Church or lose confidence in it. Chief among these are the convictions that religion is opposed to science or that it cannot stand up to rational scrutiny, that its beliefs are outmoded, a holdover from a primitive time, that the Bible is unreliable, that religious belief gives rise to violence, and that God is a threat to human freedom. I can verify, on the basis of twenty years of ministry in the field of online evangelization, that these concerns are crucial stumbling blocks to the acceptance of the faith among young people.

What is vitally needed today, as an aspect of the accompaniment of the young, is a renewed apologetics and catechesis. I realize that in some circles within the Church, the term apologetics is suspect, since it seems to indicate something rationalistic, aggressive, condescending. I hope it is clear that arrogant proselytizing has no place in our pastoral outreach, but I hope it is equally clear that an intelligent, respectful, and culturally-sensitive explication of the faith ("giving a reason for the hope that is within us") is certainly a desideratum. There is a consensus among pastoral people that, at least in the West, we have experienced a crisis in catechesis these last fifty years. That the faith has not been effectively communicated was verified by the most recent Religious Landscape Study, from the Pew Research Center in America. It indicated that, among the major religions, Catholicism was second to last in passing

on its traditions. Why has it been the case, over the past several decades, that young people in our own Catholic secondary schools have read Shakespeare in literature class, Homer in Latin class, Einstein in physics class, but, far too often, superficial texts in religion? The army of our young who claim that religion is irrational is a bitter fruit of this failure in education.

Therefore, what would a new apologetics look like? First, it would arise from the questions that young people spontaneously ask. It would not be imposed from above but would rather emerge organically from below, a response to the yearning of the mind and the heart. Here it would take a cue from the method of St. Thomas Aquinas. The austere texts of the great theological master in point of fact emerged from the lively give-and-take of the *quaestiones disputatae* that stood at the heart of the educational process in the medieval university. Thomas was deeply interested in what young people were really asking. So should we.

Secondly, a new apologetics should look deep and long into the question of the relationship between religion and science. For many people today, scientific and rational are simply equivalent or co-extensive terms. And therefore, since religion is obviously not science, it must be irrational. Without for a moment denigrating the sciences, we have to show that there are non-scientific and yet eminently rational paths that conduce toward knowledge of the real. Literature, drama, philosophy, the fine arts—all close cousins of religion—not only entertain and delight; they also bear truths that are unavailable in any other way. A renewed apologetics ought to cultivate these approaches.

Thirdly, our apologetics and catechesis should walk the *via pulchritudinis* (way of beauty), as Pope Francis characterized it in *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). Especially in our postmodern cultural context, commencing with the true and the good—what to believe and how to behave—is often counter-indicated, since the ideology of self-invention is so firmly established. However, the third transcendental, the beautiful, often proves a more winsome, less threatening, path. And part of the genius of Catholicism is that we have so consistently embraced the beautiful—in song, poetry, architecture, painting, sculpture, and liturgy. All of this provides a powerful matrix for evangelization. And as Hans Urs von Balthasar argued, the most compelling beauty of all is that of the saints. I have found a good deal of evangelical traction in presenting the lives of these great friends of God, somewhat in the manner of a baseball coach who draws young adepts into the game by showing them the play of some of its greatest practitioners.

When Jesus explained himself to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, their hearts began to burn within them. The Church must walk with young people, listen to them with attention and love, and then be ready intelligently to give a reason for the hope that is within us. This, I trust, will set the hearts of the young on fire.

Mass and Service Times for the Week Ahead

Saturday 13th October - First Mass of Sunday

5:00pm Maria Budzynska RIP (2nd Anniversary) (*Mrs A Robus*) Holy Ghost

Sunday 14th October - Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Pro Populo St Michael's

10:30am Bill Williams RIP (*Mrs A Burrell and Ms L Vaughan*) Holy Ghost

6:30pm Helen Nunn RIP (*Foundation Mass*) Holy Ghost

Monday 15th October - Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), Virgin, Doctor of the Church

10:00am Sister Patricia Murphy RIP (*Miss R Hawkey and Miss P Histon*) Holy Ghost

Tuesday 16th October - Memorial of St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

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

Wednesday 17th October - Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

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

Thursday 18th October - Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

10:00am Brendan Kelly RIP (*Miss R Hawkey and Miss P Histon*) Holy Ghost

10:00am Celebrant's Intention St Michael's
Followed by Holy Hour

12:15pm **Next Mass 1st November 2018** RNAS Yeovilton

Friday 19th October - Memorial of Saints John de Brébreuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

10:00am Intentions of Patrick and Francesca Russell (Golden
Wedding Anniversary) (*Mr and Mrs F Brennan*) Holy Ghost
Followed by Adoration (Benediction at 11:15am)

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6:00pm Father Cecil Cutlack MSFS RIP (*MSFS*) Holy Ghost
Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman
Rite

Saturday 20th October - Our Lady on Saturday

10:00am Bill Williams RIP (*Mrs S Williams*) Holy Ghost
First Mass of Sunday

5:00pm Tom Lowerson RIP (Birthday) (*The Mills Family*) Holy Ghost

Sunday 21st October - Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Pro Populo St Michael's

10:30am Ann Friel RIP (*Mr J Friel*) Holy Ghost

6:30pm Phyllis Daley RIP (*Foundation Mass*) Holy Ghost