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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 Saint 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 Fri-  
day 9:30am to 1.30pm)

Parish Safeguarding Officers: Mrs Margaret Gulliver and Mrs  
Christine O'Rourke. 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.

# Mass and Service Times for the Week Ahead

## Saturday 7th September - First Mass of Sunday

5.00pm Ned Bowe RIP (*Mrs T Novak*) Holy Ghost

## Sunday 8th September - **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.00am Pro Populo St Michael's

10.30am Mary Veronica Stewart RIP (*Mrs S Williams*) Holy Ghost

6.30pm Xaviour and Violet Brincat RIP (*Mrs M Harrison*) Holy Ghost

## Monday 9th September - Memorial of Saint Peter Claver

10.00am Mollie Kiernan RIP (*Miss P Histon*) Holy Ghost

## Tuesday 10th September - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8.00am Christina McQuade RIP (*Foundation Mass*) Holy Ghost

10:00am In Thanksgiving - Mr and Mrs Shijumon Joseph (Wedding Anniversary) (*Mr and Mrs S Joseph*) Holy Ghost

## Wednesday 11th September - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8.00am Maurice Finnan RIP (*Foundation Mass*) Holy Ghost

10:00am Intentions of Sally Rafferty (*Mr and Mrs F Brennan*) Holy Ghost

## Thursday 12th September - Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

8.00am **No Mass this morning** Holy Ghost

10.00am Celebrant's Intention St Michael's

12.15pm Intentions of the Personnel RNAS Yeovilton

6.30pm Catherine RIP (*Mrs C Joby*) Holy Ghost

## Friday 13th September - Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

10.00am Intentions of Naomi Brennan (*Mr and Mrs F Brennan*) Holy Ghost

**Followed by Adoration (Benediction at 11.15pm)**

**Then Adoration from 3pm (Divine Mercy) to 6pm**

6.00pm Jane Bingham RIP (*Mr A Henry*) Holy Ghost

**Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite**

## Saturday 14th September - **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

10.00am Family Intention (*Mr and Mrs S Joseph*) Holy Ghost

**First Mass of Sunday**

5.00pm In Thanksgiving - Alvin Louis (*Mrs J Louis*) Holy Ghost

## Sunday 15th September - **Solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows**

9.00am In Thanksgiving - Albert Kotoor Joby (First Birthday) (*Mr and Mrs Joby Kotoor*) St Michael's

10.30am Intentions of Patrick Russell (*Mr and Mrs M McLaughlin*) Holy Ghost

6.30pm Pro Populo Holy Ghost

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:** will be for Home Mission Sunday. The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. Next weekend, they ask for our prayers and our financial support through the second collection. Our prayers help them to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who directs their work, and our donations to the second collection will enable them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales. In short, the second collection helps them to help us. For more information about the Home Mission Office or to donate online please visit [www.homemission.org.uk](http://www.homemission.org.uk)

*The date for this National Collection is fixed, so the monthly collection for the Marian Hall Regeneration Fund will take place on the following Sunday, which will be the fourth Sunday of the month.*

### **IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT PARKING CHANGES:**

For the last few weeks, we have addressed in the Sunday Bulletin the measures that will be put in place to resolve the parking issues, after consultation with the Finance and The Marian Hall Regeneration Committee and other Parishes with similar parking problems. There is a copy on the notice board of the original piece. Please see below:

**Key Points:** Apply now for free parking for Yeovil District Hospital multi-storey car park at weekend Mass times – starting from 1st September 2019. The YDH permits will cost the Parish £10 each for a year. Application forms (green) are available at the back of the Church. Please complete the form and return in the labelled box, along with a donation towards the cost if you are able to. You can apply at any time for this annual pass.

From 1 October 2019: The Marian Hall will be patrolled by Link Parking and you risk a fine of £100 if you park there without a permit. Only disabled/sick or those unable to walk short distances, and others with a Link Parking permit i.e. those who regularly work, volunteer or provides services and regular hirers of the hall (for the time they are using the hall), will be allowed to park in the Marian Hall car park. The Link Parking Permit can be applied for by the Parish Office with agreement from Father Jean-Patrice. At certain times when there are special events i.e. special services, funerals etc., then we can request that Link do not Patrol. Thank you for your understanding.

During Mass Times and afterwards on Monday/Wednesdays when there are refreshments in the Hall, the car park will not be patrolled for an hour after Mass.

Thank you to those of you who have already filled in and got your YDH Car Park Pass for the Sunday Mass times, there are still passes left if you complete the form.

If you have any comments or suggestions these can be fed back to the Committees via the Parish Office, by email or letter.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** At next Sunday's 10:30am Mass (Sunday 15th September), we will be joined by Phil Gibbons who is the Press and Media Communications Officer for Clifton Diocese, who will be filming and taking photos which will be used on the Diocesan website. We will also use the media for our own website. Please do come and join us, and support our Children's Choir.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Following the retirement of our Catechist Jayne Foxwell, together with Margaret Want who retired the previous year, we now have no catechists available for this important work of preparing our children to receive Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. If any parishioners would be interested in this work, please contact Father Jean-Patrice as soon as possible. Although previous classes have taken place after School, there is flexibility in when they take place according to the availability of the Catechists.

**LECTIO DIVINA (BIBLE READING):** will recommence on **Thursday September 19th 2019 at 7.15pm** in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING:** There will be a Social Committee Meeting on **Wednesday 11th September from 7:00pm** in the Presbytery. The main purpose of the meeting will be to finalise the arrangements for Father David's Diamond Celebration Mass on 27th September.

**SAFEGUARDING IN THE PARISH:** Would anyone who has a role in the parish involving visiting or children or elderly people and has not had a DBS letter please contact Margaret Gulliver or Christine O'Rourke. Nothing to worry about it's just that the safeguarding process is being brought up to date. Thank you.

**We remember in our prayers:** The Parishes of SS Luke and Teresa, Wincanton with Mere and Bruton. The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September: **The Protection of the Oceans** - That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

**Last Sunday's Offering:** amounted to £596.93. 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).

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

**Mass at RNAS Yeovilton:** Every First Thursday at 12.15pm (except August). This month in September, it will be the Second Thursday.

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

**Lectio Divina (Bible Reading):** Returns on September 19th.

**Hire of the Marian Hall:** Via the Parish Office email or telephone.

**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).

**DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY MASS:** There will be a Diamond Anniversary Mass for Father David O'Regan at the Holy Ghost in Yeovil on **Friday 27th September 2019 at 6:30pm**. We will be joined by Bishop Patrick Lynch followed by a social in the Marian Hall. All are most welcome to attend.

**A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE - THE YEAR OF COMMUNION:** Bishop Declan is inviting our diocesan community to come together ahead of the launch of the third and final phase of the Diocesan Vision 'A Future Full of Hope' which is the 'Year of

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Communion'. There are two events to which the bishop extends an invitation in the hope that each of our parishes, schools and communities are represented.

On **Saturday 19 October** we gather at St Brendan's College, Brislington, (9.15am - 2.30pm) with Fr. James Hanvey SJ, who will help us reflect upon A life lived in Communion. The day at St Brendan's is set to prepare us for the coming Year of Communion (beginning the first Sunday of Advent) and introduce us to the resources that will be available to us from the end of November. All are welcome and it would be good if each parish was represented. Whilst we do not need names it would be useful to have an idea of how many are coming from your parish: please let the Adult Education office know by Monday 14 October at [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) if you can. Participants will need to bring a packed lunch for this day.

On **Friday 22 November at 7.00pm** in our Cathedral, Bishop Declan invites our diocesan community to join him at a celebration of Evening Prayer during which he will present to each parish, community and school the resources for the Year of Communion starting Sunday 1 December. As we did with the Year of Mission & Year of Prayer each community will be called forward to receive the year's resources.

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

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

At his last supper Jesus gave us a meal to remind us of what it means to be a follower of Christ. The breaking of Christ's body and the spilling of his blood brought wholeness and healing to a broken world. The food that we eat at this eucharistic banquet is the nourishment we need to go out and continue that great saving work. The love that Christ showed through his life, death and resurrection is the paschal mystery into which all Christians are called to participate. This is what it means to do this in memory of me. This is what it means to let go and take up the cross. Let us in the week ahead have the courage to go out to the whole world and serve it with love, compassion and dedication.



**LAY PASTORAL MINISTERS:** As previously mentioned, the Diocese is looking to introduce Ministers to assist Parishes in a time of fewer priests. There are a series of information evenings around the Diocese for anyone interested in finding out more. The first meeting has already taken place in the Parish of Wincanton in our Deanery. At this meeting, some changes since the original meeting with priests were announced. The course which will be on Saturdays over a course of two years will be open to volunteers as well as those who wish to apply for a paid position either in a parish or across a Deanery. The course was originally meant to start in January 2020, but will now start much later, either in April or as late as September. At this stage, the Director for Adult Education and Evangelisation Sarah Adams is simply asking parishioners for an expression of interest in complying with the demands of the course. An expression can be made to her by email at [sarah.adams@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:sarah.adams@cliftondiocese.com). You can find out more by attending any of the other meetings around the Diocese. Alternatively, you can attend our **Deanery Pastoral Meeting on Wednesday 18 September at 7.00pm** in the Marian Hall in our Parish. The main agenda item will be how these Ministers might be able to help in our Deanery, given that in the year 2021, there will only be an official allocation of four priests over the seven parishes.

Other dates and venues for the Lay Pastoral Ministers Meetings are as below. The evenings run from 7.30pm until 9.00pm

Tuesday 10 September - St George's Parish Hall, Taunton

Thursday 12 September - St Osmund's Parish Hall, Salisbury

Tuesday 17 September - Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Road, Bristol

Tuesday 8 October - St John's Parish Hall, Bath

**Lord's Larder Update 2019:** *Mat Callaghan, Ops Manager for Yeovil Christian Support Trust writes:* 'Thank you everyone who has donated food items to the Lord's Larder Food Bank in July, giving items such as sugar, long life milk and jars of Pasta Sauce. Those items helped to complete emergency food parcels that went out to help those in need through the month of July to help 294 adults and 210 children, we experienced a 58% increase in demand for families needing emergency food parcels in July this year compared with July last year. With your support we were able to help 104 families this July, thank you.

If you would like to give to the Lord's Larder this month and would like to know what we are currently running short of, we are currently running short of:

Cartons of UHT Milk, Tins of Spaghetti, Tins of Hot Dogs, Tins of Meatballs, Tinned Fray Bentos Pies, Tins of Carrots, Tins of Peas, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Tins of Soup, Tins of Fruit, Packets of Jelly, 80 Teabags, Empty Super Market Carrier Bags

These and all other in date, long life food items would all be gratefully received. Many, many thanks for your continued support'.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY:** *Father Jean-Patrice writes: This Sunday is Education Sunday which is a Day of Prayer for Students and Teachers. The following letter is from Bishop Stock who has responsibility within the Bishops' Conference for Education.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Church in England and Wales has celebrated Education Sunday for many years. Falling at the start of the academic year, Education Sunday is a time when we can reflect upon the year past, as well as look forwards with anticipation to the year ahead. This year Education Sunday falls on the 8th September.

The theme of this year's Education Sunday is 'Form and Flourish'. The formation and education of a young person into adulthood enables them to reach their potential, to live a fulfilling life and ultimately flourish.

In John's Gospel Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full". Catholic schools place the Lord Jesus Christ at the centre of their educational enterprise; his life and teaching provides them with the model and pattern for life in all its fullness. Catholic education aims to inspire a lifelong love of learning and form pupils who will know the good, love the beautiful, and seek the truth. Catholic schools are distinctive, and this is a cause for celebration.

Similarly, the Church teaches that we reach our full potential when we respond to the Lord's call and the vocation he has for each one of us. The Lord is the potter and we are the clay. When we are open to our lives being formed by his grace, we flourish as a people of joy, peace and love.

I hope that Education Sunday will be an opportunity for thanksgiving and celebration for you. It is a time to be grateful for the hard work of all those past and present who work tirelessly to make Catholic schools places of transformation and hope. So too is it a moment to see afresh the workings of grace that make the Church's mission in education fruitful.

I remain yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,

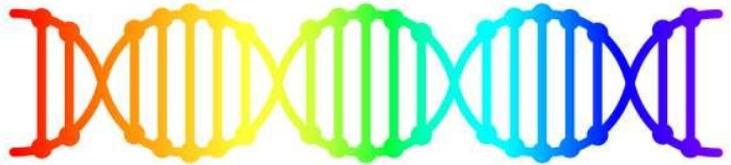
Most Reverend Marcus Stock  
Chair of the Catholic Education Service

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON FRIDAYS:** We hope to have a greater amount of time available in our Parish to meet with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. The plan would be to have as many hours as possible on a Friday. As a minimum, we **start this Friday 13 September between 3pm and 6pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3pm.** Our Parishioner Anna Gendzierska is acting as a Co-ordinator. Please contact her on 07491 655 525 if you can spare an hour on a regular basis, and would be prepared to find a replacement for weeks when you cannot be there. She has left a book at the back of the Church, but you can also contact her through the Parish Office.

## STUDY FINDS NO 'GAY GENE' – WHAT THAT MEANS FOR CATHOLIC MORALITY:

[August 30, 2019 Catholic News Agency \(CNA\) Daily News News Briefs](#)

After a major scientific study found there is not a singular genetic marker for homosexuality, a Catholic theologian explained that the findings are fully in accord with Catholic teaching.



The study was published Aug. 30 in [Science](https://science.sciencemag.org/content/365/6456/869) <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/365/6456/869>. It examined data from several large genetic databanks in multiple countries, and surveyed nearly half a million people about their sexual partners and preferences. Previous studies on the matter have only examined sample groups of hundreds of people.

“From a genetic standpoint, there is no single [genetic distinction] from opposite-sex to same-sex sexual behaviours,” said Andrea Ganna, a geneticist at Finland’s Institute of Molecular Medicine, and the study’s lead author.

Speaking to [Scientific American](https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/massive-study-finds-no-single-genetic-cause-of-same-sex-sexual-behavior/) <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/massive-study-finds-no-single-genetic-cause-of-same-sex-sexual-behavior/>, Eric Vilain, a geneticist at Children’s National Health System in Washington, D.C., called the study’s result “the end of the ‘gay gene’” theory.

In recent decades, many of those involved in the LGBT movement have advanced the argument that sexual orientation is genetically determined, and that people who experienced same-sex attraction are born with a fixed orientation.

In a June [interview](#), Fr. James Martin SJ, author of “Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity,” said that “most reputable psychologists, psychiatrists, biologists, social scientists say that people are simply born this way.”

In a commentary published along with the study, Oxford University geneticist Melinda Mills [noted](#) an “inclination to reduce sexuality to genetic determinism” in support of sociological or ideological positions.

“Attributing same-sex orientation to genetics could enhance civil rights or reduce stigma,” she wrote. “Conversely, there are fears it provides a tool for intervention or ‘cure.’”

Still, Mills said the results of the study show that the use of genetics to predict same

-sex attraction, or to change it through some kind of gene editing, is “wholly and unreservedly impossible.”

Commenting on the report Friday, Martin told CNA that “the study shows that a variety of factors, including genetic factors, influence human sexuality.”

“For me, the most helpful quote came from a geneticist who was one of the lead researchers, who talked about how ‘natural’ homosexuality is,” Martin said, quoting Dr. Benjamin Neale of MIT.

Neale told the New York Times that same-sex behavior is “written into our genes and it’s part of our environment... this is part of our species and it’s part of who we are.”

“That seems to sum up the results of the study accurately,” said Martin.

The research showed five distinct genetic data points which appear common among individuals who reported at least one same-sex encounter. Two of these markers appear linked to hormones and smell, factors in sexual attraction.

But the five markers together explained less than 1% of differences in sexual activity among the population, the results found.

“Although they did find particular genetic loci associated with same-sex behaviour,” Mills said, “when they combine the effects of these loci together into one comprehensive score, the effects are so small, under 1%, that this genetic score cannot in any way be used to predict same-sex sexual behaviour of an individual.”

Noting that the study results highlight considerable differences by generation and the influence of cultural norms on sexual behaviour, Mills concluded that future research was best focused on “how genetic predispositions are altered by environmental factors.”

“Once again it’s also important that we listen to the lived experience of LGBT people, as we minister to them in the church,” Martin said.

Dr. Kevin Miller, assistant professor of theology at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, told CNA that the results are in accord with the Church’s existing teaching about homosexuality.

“The Catechism treats homosexuality in nos. 2357-2359. Early in this treatment we read that its ‘psychological genesis remains largely unexplained.’ The new study does not change this.”

The study draws a distinction between people who engage in homosexual acts and those who identified as “gay” or “homosexual,” a distinction Miller noted was already central to the Church’s teachings.

The Catechism teaches that homosexual acts are “intrinsically disordered” and

“under no circumstances can they be approved.” This is because, Miller said, only sexual acts oriented by their nature to the possibility of procreation and set within marriage are “compatible with the essential moral virtue of chastity and – as St. John Paul II emphasized in both his pre-papal and papal writings – love.”

“Any others are – independent of the subjective dispositions of those who take part in them – objectively hedonistic and selfish, rather than authentically loving. Obviously there are many types of sexual acts that could fall into this category – homosexual acts are by no means the only type.”

Homosexual tendency or inclination, often called same-sex attraction, is defined by the Catechism as “objectively disordered,” Miller said. This is because a desire which, if acted on, would lead to immoral acts is by its nature disordered, he said.

But, Miller noted, the desire or inclination itself is not “morally wrong,” since a person does not choose to have an inclination or exercise their free will over having it.

Central to understanding the distinction between sexual inclinations and acts, Miller said, is that all sexual acts are freely chosen; even if a person has an interior disposition toward engaging in homosexual acts, they have the same freedom to pursue them or not as a person inclined towards immoral acts with someone of the opposite sex.

“One can see that in this explanation of the Church’s teaching, there is no reference of any sort to the cause of the homosexual tendency or disposition. This is simply irrelevant to the analysis of the moral goodness or evil of homosexual acts, and of the ordered or disordered character of the homosexual tendency or disposition.”

Miller explained that the origin of a person’s sexual orientation, whether biological, environmental, or experiential, had no bearing on what the Church teaches about the morality of acting on a particular sexual urge.

“These teachings do not depend on any assumption regarding the *cause* of the tendency or inclination,” he said.

“Even if it could be shown that a homosexual tendency or orientation is wholly biologically determined, this would not affect at all the logic underlying the Church’s teaching.”

*Father Jean-Patrice writes: This recent discovery in scientific research is important at a time where there is a great deal of questioning around issues to do with same sex inclinations and gender dysphoria. The facts presented in the research should be important for young people who will have to receive mandatory Relationships and Sex Education in schools from next year, and also for parents who should be concerned that what their children are taught is not against our Catholic beliefs, nor against scientific evidence.*