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Church of the Holy Ghost, Yeovil

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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 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 (Mon, Weds and Fri 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.

PARKING AT HOLY GHOST: The Car Park in the Marian Hall is controlled so that only those who are elderly and infirm may park there for Sunday Masses. Permits may be applied for to the Parish Priest. Parking permits are available to park for everyone in the nearby Hospital Multi-Storey Car Park, upon application to the Parish Office.

Mass and Service Times for the Week Ahead

Sunday 22nd March - Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday - Mothering Sunday)

Pro Populo	Holy Ghost
Marie Hoogewerf RIP and Winifred Webb RIP (<i>Mrs L Sanne</i>)	St Michael's
Eucharistic Adoration from 10:00am to 12:00pm midday; and from 3pm to 6pm	Holy Ghost
Eucharistic Adoration from 10:00am to 11:30am	St Michael's

Monday 23rd March - Weekday of Lent (Commem. Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo)

Novita RIP; Holy Souls (<i>Box</i>)	
Church open from 10:00am to 12:00midday; and from 3pm to 6pm	Holy Ghost

Tuesday 24th March - Weekday of Lent

Intentions of Mrs Helen Stevens (health) (<i>Mrs A Robus</i>); Holy Souls (<i>Box</i>)	
Church open from 10:00am to 12:00midday; and from 3pm to 6pm	Holy Ghost

Wednesday 25th March - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Holy Souls (<i>Box</i>); For the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary	
6:00am Eucharistic Adoration until 9am	Holy Ghost
Church open from 10:00am to 12:00midday; and from 3pm to 6pm	Holy Ghost

Thursday 26th March - Weekday of Lent

Intentions of Mrs Sylvia Hamilton (60th Birthday) (<i>Mr and Mrs F Brennan</i>); Holy Souls (<i>Box</i>)	
Church open from 10:00am to 12:00pm midday	Holy Ghost
11:00am Eucharistic Adoration until 12pm midday	St Michael's
12.15pm Next Mass (sine Populo) on 2 April	RNAS Yeovilton
6.00pm Eucharistic Adoration until 10pm	Holy Ghost

Friday 27th March - Weekday of Lent

Intentions of Mrs Betty Sweeney (<i>Mr and Mrs F Brennan</i>); Holy Souls (<i>Box</i>)	
Church open from 10:00am to 12:00pm midday	Holy Ghost
3.00pm Eucharistic Adoration until 7pm	Holy Ghost

Saturday 28th March - Weekday of Lent

Intentions of Bishop Declan Lang (Anniversary of Episcopal Consecration); Holy Souls (<i>Box</i>)	
Church open from 10:00am to 12:00midday; and from 3pm to 6pm	Holy Ghost

Sunday 29th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

For the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary	Holy Ghost
Pro Populo	St Michael's
Eucharistic Adoration from 10:00am to 12:00pm midday; and from 3pm to 6pm	Holy Ghost
Eucharistic Adoration from 10:00am to 11:30am	St Michael's

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) GUIDELINES: *Father Jean-Patrice writes:* As most parishioners are now aware, the Bishops of England and Wales have asked that we do not congregate in large gatherings, in order to comply with the general directive from the Government that people stay at home except for essential activity, and when outside of their home that they keep a good distance from other people. Therefore, it has sadly proved essential to not have Masses with the people, nor any form of group or gathering that would result in a large number of people congregating. We have received a dispensation from the obligation to go to Mass; therefore there is no sin, however we should do our best to sanctify the Lord's Day and be faithful to our prayers.

However, it is important to say that the churches are not closing. Together with Father Jose, we will continue to celebrate Mass every day, and we will think and pray for you in those Masses. The churches will be open at set times which you can see in the Bulletin. Some of those will be Eucharistic Adoration, where again you are asked to sign up so that there are at least two people in the Church. For other opening times, this is not required. If you do come to the Church at these times, please make sure that you spread out within the church as an act of charity towards others.

If you have access to satellite television, you can watch the Mass on EWTN. If you have access to the internet, you can also watch the Mass at the Mother Church of our Diocese at Clifton Cathedral every day at 9.30am at www.cliftondiocese.com. Other possibilities are the Mass and devotions from the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham at <https://walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>, and various churches around the country and world at <https://www.churchservices.tv/> or <https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online/>. The Latin Mass can be accessed from the Fraternity of Saint Peter at <http://www.livemass.net/>.

While these measures will undoubtedly be distressing, it is important to note these very difficult times which have necessitated them. Please continue to pray, and indeed more fervently. We are called to greater faith, and to pray for our world which in large parts does not know God. We are called to live as people who have a certain hope, and also act charitably in how we treat our neighbour, especially those who are most vulnerable.

MASS INTENTIONS: Masses continue to be offered for any intentions that parishioners wish. If you would like to offer a Mass Intention, please bring it or post it together with your offering to the Presbytery. One of the two Sunday Masses will be offered as usual for the People of the Parish (*Pro Populo*).

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH: This is undoubtedly a time where some will experience economic hardship. However, much of the Parish's costs remain the same. Many thanks to our parishioners who are able to maintain (if not necessarily for the same amount) their Standing Orders: these ensure that your offering comes in even though you cannot physically attend Mass. There are Forms available at the back of both churches: please consider taking one out if you can. You can also post any offering you wish to make through the Presbytery letterbox.

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19 VIRUS:

Bishop John Keenan of the Diocese of Paisley, Scotland suggests that we can spiritually protect ourselves and our world against the Coronavirus. He recommends that we pray the Protection Prayer followed by the Rosary each day until the crisis ceases. As we have recently celebrated the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, we could also pray the Novena Prayer here at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-st-joseph-304>, and other devotions to the great Saint.

Pope Francis has called for the Rosary to be prayed worldwide together at 9pm Rome time (so 8pm our time). This will not be prayed in the church, but you might wish to put a lighted candle in your window or balcony to indicate that you are praying at this time.

Prayer for God's Protection against Covid-19 virus

Lord, you promised: "If my people humble themselves, pray, seek me and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear and forgive their sins and restore them" ... (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Most Holy Trinity, in Jesus, the Only Begotten Son, You revealed Yourself as the fount of life and unfathomable source of Divine Mercy, who listens to Your People. We the people of England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and our Isles, ask you to heed us amid this global pandemic of the Coronavirus that we struggle to bear.

Father God we entrust ourselves into your Divine Mercy, through Our Lady, Mother of Mercy and Her Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, through St. Michael and the Archangels, St. Joseph, and all our nations' Saints and Martyrs.

Merciful Jesus, hold out Your Healing Hand to rescue and safeguard us from this disease, and turn our nations and our souls to You as our Saviour.

We ask this for our sick, elderly and vulnerable, for families with young children, for our destitute and those suffering poor mental health.

Our Nations have forgotten You and sinned against You. We confess our sins with the Prophet Daniel: "Lord, we have sinned against you, we have acted wickedly, betrayed your commandments and turned from them. Integrity is yours; ours the look of shame because of the sins we carry. Listen to us, open Your eyes and see our plight. We do not rely on our own works but on Your mercy as we commend our humble plea to you. Lord, listen, forgive and act! For your own sake do not delay, because we, Your people, bear your name.

God Our Father, all forgiving and gentle, we implore your mercy, intervention and healing. Through JESUS CHRIST our Lord in the power of the Most Precious Blood. Amen.

Visit www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk for more details.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

Even outside of the exceptional times in which we find ourselves, there are occasions when people are unable to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, through illness or due to their personal disposition. With the suspension of the public celebration of Mass in our churches however, we now all find ourselves unable to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. However, even though we may not receive 'sacramental' Communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit. The traditional idea of 'spiritual' Communion is an important one to remember and reaffirm. A deep spiritual communion is possible even when we do not share together the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. When joining the Mass 'remotely' via live streaming, when spending time in reflection before the altar, or simply during everyday prayer, parishioners may find these words helpful:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you, now and forever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, I turn towards the holy tabernacle where you live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto your own. Amen.

Other prayers for use at this time can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/No-Mass-A5.pdf>.

CARING FOR ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE PARISHIONERS AT THIS

TIME: *Father Jean-Patrice writes:* Any parishioner who does not have friends or family locally who can care for them is invited to make themselves known to me. If someone has to self-isolate, help will be needed to get practical supplies of food, etc. to them. But also telephone calls will be needed to combat loneliness. If any charitable parishioner would be able to help in transporting supplies, and/or making telephone calls, please let me know.

Helping people to keep contact with the parish through television link.

Some time ago, an appeal was made in the bulletin for financial assistance in creating a televised link so that people who were not able to get to Mass because of old age or illness could still see the Mass. When we installed CCTV at the Holy Ghost two years ago, we also installed cabling to enable a televised link. The major one-off cost is the camera. **This costs approximately £3,540.00 (including VAT). We have received a donation for half the amount, so we now only have £1,770.00 to raise.** There is then also a monthly charge. If any parishioner would like to make a gift of either the full sum or a significant donation towards the total, please speak to me. You can see how it works by looking at their website, and seeing some of the churches that have subscribed at <https://www.churchservices.tv/churches/>.

THE YEAR OF COMMUNION:

Sunday 22nd March – Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives sight to a man born blind. First, he can see physically and then with the eyes of faith. We too, through baptism, have been given the eyes of faith, but we can struggle to see what it is that God is asking of us. Through our sinfulness, we can find ourselves overwhelmed by darkness. Jesus longs to bring us out of this darkness. He wants to open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to the compassionate and merciful love he has for us. Lent gives us this special time and opportunity for facing our darkness and seeking once more the light which heals and forgives. Walking in the light of Christ, we walk in freedom and we walk in hope.



BEHOLD 2020: As now we cannot gather in churches in large groups, a provision has been made for people to participate in the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary from their homes as individuals. Please visit the website www.behold2020.com for further details. The suggested time for us to all make the Re-dedication is at 12 noon on Sunday 29 March.



CANCELLATION OF MEETINGS: such as 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible', Friendship Club, Ecumenical Prayer Group and Lenten Lunches are postponed until further notice.

We remember in our prayers: The Parishes of Sacred Heart, Chew Magna and St Pius X, Withywood. The Holy Father's Intentions for March: **Catholics in China:** We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity. For all affected by the Coronavirus. For all who act in the role of a mother as we celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Last Sunday's Offering: Many thanks for your generosity.

Mass at RNAS Yeovilton: Every First Thursday at 12.15pm.

Eucharistic Adoration: See Mass Schedule.

Hire of the Marian Hall: Not available until further notice.

Parish Office: Our Administrator Sue Chant will be working from home, but we will try to maintain as normal a service as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any items for the Bulletin: please send to the Parish Office by email: yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com.

Lest anyone forget, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday. In England, we recall that the Church is our Mother, and we name this Mothering Sunday. Happy Feast Day to you all!