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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

Saturday 14th March - First Mass of Sunday

5.00pm In Thanksgiving (*Mrs P Ashworth*) Holy Ghost

Sunday 15th March - **Third Sunday of Lent**

8.00am For the Lord's Protection against the COVID-19 Coronavirus Holy Ghost

9.00am Holy Souls (*Box*) St Michael's

10.30am Norma Northcott RIP (*Mr and Mrs M Gulliver*) Holy Ghost

12:30pm For the Lord's Protection against the COVID-19 Coronavirus Holy Ghost

6.30pm Pro Populo Holy Ghost

Monday 16th March - Weekday of Lent

10.00am In Thanksgiving to the Parish for their support and prayer in time of illness (*Mr and Mrs J Dillon*) Holy Ghost

Tuesday 17th March - **Feast of Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland**

8.00am Father Sean Mason MSFS RIP Holy Ghost

10.00am Intentions of Robert Brennan (sick) (*Mr and Mrs M McLaughlin*) Holy Ghost

Wednesday 18th March - Weekday of Lent (*Commem. of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*)

6:30am Father Thomas Morrin MSFS RIP Holy Ghost
Followed by Adoration until 10am

10:00am Mrs Maria Smyth RIP (*Mrs N Painter*) Holy Ghost

2.30pm **Stations of the Cross** St Michael's

Thursday 19th March - **Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

10:00am In Thanksgiving - Mrs Marjorie Sherrin (100th Birthday) St Michael's

12.15pm Intentions of the Personnel RNAS Yeovilton

6.30pm Intentions of Neil McLoughlin (*Mr and Mrs F Brennan*) Holy Ghost
Followed by Adoration until 10pm

Friday 20th March - Weekday of Lent

10.00am Intentions of Michael Novak (*Mr and Mrs M McLaughlin*) Holy Ghost
Followed by Adoration (Benediction at 11.15am)

3.00pm **Adoration until 6pm (Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm)** Holy Ghost

6.00pm Holy Souls (*Box*) **Latin Mass (EF)** Holy Ghost

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

Saturday 21st March - Weekday of Lent

10.00am Special Intention (*Mrs Cindu Joby*) Holy Ghost
First Mass of Sunday

5.00pm Maria George RIP (*Mr George Joseph*) Holy Ghost

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

8:00am For the Lord's Protection against the COVID-19 Coronavirus Holy Ghost

9.00am Father Arthur Williams MSFS RIP St Michael's

10.30am Pro Populo Holy Ghost

12:30pm For the Lord's Protection against the COVID-19 Coronavirus Holy Ghost

6.30pm Holy Souls (*Box*) Holy Ghost

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: Will be for the **Marian Hall Fund**.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with extra Masses, as there were during Advent. The timings will be as follows:

Wednesday: Mass at 6:30am followed by Adoration until 10am.

Thursday: Mass at 6:30pm followed by Adoration until 10pm.

Friday: Mass at 10am followed by Adoration until Benediction at 11.15am. Then Adoration at 3pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet until Latin Mass at 6pm.



There will be lists made available for people to sign up for an hour, with at least two people required for each hour.

There will be **Stations of the Cross** at Holy Ghost on Fridays at 7pm, and at St Michaels's on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm. As usual, there will be a variety of meditations for each week.

All Masses and Adoration will now take place in the main church, and not the Lady Chapel to allow people to spread out within the church.

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) GUIDELINES: The Bishops of England and Wales issued a fourth version of their guidelines on Thursday 12 March. The Guidelines indicate a three stage process: according to the Bishops we are now at the second stage. Parishioners may consult the guidelines themselves at <https://cliftondiocese.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Advice-for-Parishes-Regarding-Coronavirus-Version-2a.pdf>. In addition to the steps already taken namely: Suppression of the Chalice, and of shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace. Furthermore, for those who receive Holy Communion standing, they should receive the Sacred Host in the hand, we now engage the following: no use of hymn books, Mass cards or anything that is reused and shared; no passing around of the collection basket; and no tea and coffee after Mass with use of shared cutlery etc. Parishioners should ensure they have clean hands upon entering the church: the instruction is to use sanitised hand gel when entering. The Parish has ordered hand gel, but currently it is out of stock.

People who have cold or flu symptoms should not come to church at this time. Those who are vulnerable, particularly the elderly should not feel obliged to attend Mass. There are possibilities to watch the Mass, either on EWTN television (via satellite or <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/>), or the various churches that subscribe to <https://www.churchservices.tv/>.

However as a temporary measure, there will be two **additional** Sunday Masses in order to try and reduce the number of people at individual gatherings, so that as many people who want to receive the Sacraments can do so. **These times are both at Holy Ghost and are at: 8am and 12.30pm.** They will both be offered for the intention of God's protection against the COVID-19 Coronavirus.

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

Bishop John Keenan of the Diocese of Paisley, Scotland announces what we can do spiritually to protect ourselves and our world against the Coronavirus. His recommendation is the following:

1. Pray the Protection Prayer followed by the Rosary each day until the crisis ceases.
2. On the Feast of St Joseph (March 19th) do two things:
 - a). Start a 9 Day Novena (EWTN one or of your choosing);
 - b). Increase prayer efforts on this day asking for St Joseph's intercession i.e. adoration, rosaries, chaplets of Divine Mercy etc.

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
and <https://www.ewtn.com/cath.../devotions/novena-to-st-joseph-304>

FORTY HOURS WITH THE LORD: This important devotion returns towards the end of Lent. It will be from **Thursday 26 March at 7pm** until **Saturday 28 March at 10am**, and is therefore a preparation for the **re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary on Sunday 29 March (time to be confirmed but probably 12 midday)**. The first night will be covered by the Polish Community, and the second by the Keralite Community. As ever, Confessions from Visiting Priests will be available at various times during the 40 Hours.

BEHOLD 2020: With the possibility that some or even many people may have to self-isolate, a provision has been made for people to participate in the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary from their homes. Please visit the website www.behold2020.com for further details and also see the article <https://catholicherald.co.uk/how-coronavirus-is-affecting-the-rededication-of-england-as-marys-dowry/>.



HOLY GHOST PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO

WALSINGHAM: Please indicate your interest in a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady (overnight stay at bed and breakfast rates) to Liela Hathaway or Father Jean-Patrice.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE: is postponed until further notice.

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. It would also be useful for particular celebrations such as First Holy Communion, funerals, weddings, etc. where people are too far away to come. At that time, we received no response. 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)**. 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 15th March – Third Sunday of Lent

In the Jewish faith, water was used often as a powerful metaphor. In such a semi-arid environment water was a precious gift to relieve thirst and bring refreshment.



Within the UK we have recently experienced anything but a thirst for water – such have been the terrible floods affecting so many people. However, in today's Gospel, we will hear of a different thirst which needs quenching. Jesus is thirsty, because he is tired and hot, but there is another kind of thirst in him – a thirst for the woman, he meets at the well, to be transformed. Jesus offers living water, a spring of water welling up to eternal life. This is the water we all thirst for, the living water of the Holy Spirit. Lent is a time to quench our thirst, to rediscover the meaning of our life in Christ. It is a special time of encountering Jesus, to be transformed by him, just as the woman was transformed. The Lord wants to give us living water so that we might have life and have it abundantly. Drinking from this well, changes us so that we become, like the woman, true disciples, ready and able to share what we have encountered; the love of Christ in all its fullness.

CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHEAS AT SOUTH PETHERTON: will be at the Methodist Hall, Palmer Street, South Petherton, on **Wednesday 18 and 25 March at 12.30pm. All are welcome.**

We remember in our prayers: The Parishes of St. Gregory the Great/ St Thomas More, Cheltenham and Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Charlton Kings. 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.

Last Sunday's Offering: Amounted to £657-77. 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 6.00pm (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). Mass in March will be on the **third** Thursday on 19 March.

Eucharistic Adoration: After the Friday morning Mass, then between 3pm and 6pm on Friday (Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm). During Lent, also between 7am and 10am on Wednesday, and between 7pm and 10pm on Thursday.

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

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.

Prayers during a time of 'flu and illness

Information about how the Church is responding practically to Coronavirus can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/>. This information is kept up to date and should be checked regularly.



When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: 'He took our illnesses and bore our diseases'.

Matthew 8:14-17

General Prayer for Health

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Prayer for those in Authority

Loving God, in Christ Jesus, the servant of all,
you call us to the service of others.
Grant to those who govern the community
the skill to recognise its urgent needs
and the strength to pursue the common good.
Endow us all with patience and courage,
that we may care for the suffering,
feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and sustain the needy.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for Health Staff

Wondrous God, author of life,
you fashioned us in your likeness
and breathed into us the life which is your own.
Be with those whose special care
is the health of mind and body.
Fill their hearts with awe
for the life which is your gift
and sustain them daily in your service,
that their hands may bring to others
the comfort of your healing touch.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer for those Affected

Merciful God,
come to the help of your people.
Be our shelter in this time of peril
and strengthen the bonds of our community.
Bring healing to all who suffer
the ravages of disease
and assist those whose skill and art
can put an end to this affliction.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



O God,

our refuge and our shield,
even when we walk in the shadow of death
you are there at our side.
Be with your people in this time of danger:
bring strength to the afflicted
and protection to those untouched by disease.

Give us love and courage,
that we may trust in your power to save
and reach out to all who need our care.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Spiritual Communion

There are times when people are unable to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, through illness or due to their personal disposition. Even though some 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.

(cf. Celebrating the Mass 212)

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in this 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.

based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

Self-Isolation

*If there is a chance that a person has Coronavirus healthcare professionals may advise self-isolation for up to 14 days. Government advice should be followed. Those who are self-isolated may wish to spend some of the time in prayer. Use might be made of websites such as **Pray as you go** [<https://pray-as-you-go.org>] or **Universalis** [www.universalis.com] — to follow the readings at Mass each day or to join in the Prayer of the Church. Parishes will find ways of supporting people through prayer, communication (phone or social media) and practical support (food etc.).*

Phrases from Scripture

O Lord, come to my rescue, Lord, come to my aid.	Ps 39:14
Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.	Jer 17:14
Lord, save me	Matt 14:30
Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.	Rev 22:20

Invocation of Our Lady - 'Memorare'

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your protection,
Implored your help, or sought your intercession
was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy, hear and answer me.
Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

Prayer of St Ignatius

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me.

Prayer for the Household

Hear us, Lord, and send your angel from heaven
to visit and protect, to comfort and defend
all who live in this house.
Amen.