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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 Naval Air Station, Yeovilton, BA22 8HT

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Parish Telephone: 01935-423549 (Parish Office Mobile 07856-989013)

### **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 Friday 10am - 12midday. She can be contacted via the Parish Office Mobile number: 07856-989013)

Parish Safeguarding Officers: Mrs Margaret Gulliver and (Seeking Appointment). The Diocesan Safeguarding Office can be contacted at 0117-954 0993.

**CONFESSIONS:** Available on request.

**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 there is no improper use that does not pertain to the Parish. At this time, parking is not controlled during the times of advertised Masses.

# Mass and Service Times for the Week Ahead

## Sunday 9th August - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am	In Thanksgiving ( <i>Mr Thomas Joseph</i> )	Holy Ghost
4.30pm	<b>Mass in Polish</b>	Holy Ghost
6:30pm	Celebrant's Intention	Holy Ghost

## Monday 10th August - Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

Intentions of Father Martin Griffin MSFS (*Mr and Mrs F Brennan*) and (*Miss R Hawkey and Miss P Histon*) (in private)

## Tuesday 11th August - Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

7:00pm	Intentions of Father Martin Griffin MSFS ( <i>Mr and Mrs M Novak</i> ) and ( <i>The Rowland Family</i> - in private)	Holy Ghost
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## Wednesday 12th August - Memorial of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

10:00am	In Thanksgiving - Adonis Thomas (12th Birthday) ( <i>Mr and Mrs Thomas Joseph</i> )	Holy Ghost
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## Thursday 13th August - Memorial of Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

10:00am	Margaret Rose Alice Bennett RIP ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )	St Michael's
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## Friday 14th August - Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

7:00pm	Deceased Members of the Hackett Family ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> ) <b>Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite</b>	Holy Ghost
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## Saturday 15th August - Our Lady on Saturday

**No morning Mass**

*First Mass of Sunday*

7:00pm	Mary and Ned Lynch RIP (Birthday) ( <i>Miss M Mahoney and Miss T Mahoney</i> )	Holy Ghost
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## Sunday 16th August - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am	James Lange RIP ( <i>Foundation Mass</i> )	Holy Ghost
4.30pm	<b>Mass in Polish</b>	Holy Ghost
6:30pm	Celebrant's Intention	Holy Ghost

Both churches are limited in number of spaces due to social distancing. The church at Holy Ghost has thirteen pews plus two rows of chairs, so has a minimum number of 15 people. St Michael's has 20 spaces available. You are advised to book a place in advance: you can do this by email to [yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com) or by phone/text to the Parish Office on 07856-989013 during office hours of Monday, Wednesday or Friday 10am to 12 midday.

**REOPENING OUR CHURCHES:** *Father Jean-Patrice writes:* We have now reopened our churches from Tuesday 14 July with a small number of parishioners attending. Hopefully, more will do so as word spreads around of the new provisional times and arrangements, and that every effort is being made to make the environment as safe as possible. We are still in need of volunteers to help with stewarding and cleaning. There are documents which are available on request, but it may suffice to say that the touching of surfaces should be minimised as much as possible, and should be cleaned immediately after use. Also that the movement of parishioners should be regulated so that they are kept at a safe distance from each other (excepting of course those who live in the same household). Also, at least one steward should have basic safeguarding training: they do not need to have a DBS, but they should do a simple online EduCare course (see separate article by Margaret Gulliver).

I am celebrating Mass at Somerton, as Father Peter Clarke has not been permitted at this time to go to the church. Since I am also acting as Steward for some Masses, we have a provisional schedule of Masses, at least for the month of August. **Please note that there is an extra Mass at Holy Ghost on Wednesday at 10am.** The provisional schedule is therefore as follows:

Saturday	7pm (First Mass of Sunday)	Holy Ghost
Sunday	9am and 6.30pm	Holy Ghost
Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	7pm	Holy Ghost
Wednesday	10am	Holy Ghost
Thursday	10am	St Michael's
Friday	7pm (Latin Mass)	Holy Ghost

The Bishops have said that the Obligation to go to Mass on Sunday remains suspended. This has to be the case, as most churches cannot contain all the parishioners who normally go on Sunday. An example is Westminster Cathedral, which with the measures put in for social distancing, can only hold sixty people. Therefore the bishops are encouraging us to go to Mass at alternative times during the week. They also recognise, that for various reasons, some parishioners cannot go to Mass at this time. So they are encouraging parishes to continue with livestreaming and recording of Masses. The Sunday morning Mass will be recorded, and will be made available on the website later in the day. As mentioned before, we have received two generous donations from parishioners to buy a camera that will allow us to livestream Masses and other services. The monthly charge is given as £150 every month. It would make sense to have an idea of our current finances (obviously depleted) before making any engagement. Hopefully there will be a Diocesan scheme that may reduce the monthly cost incurred.

Therefore, although you can still turn up to go to Mass, **it is recommended that you book a place in order to ensure you have a seat.** At Holy Ghost, the pews have been rearranged so that thirteen pews are available, plus two clusters of three chairs. So a minimum of fifteen

people can be accommodated at Mass. However, if people live in the same household (or bubble), they could share a pew with up to six people. So the maximum number of people is eighty-four (the capacity of St Michael's is 20 individuals, or 20 households/bubbles). We are keeping a distance of two metres, however from 8 August, the Government has decreed that face coverings are mandatory in places of worship. You can read the full guidance at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/06/Guidance-Acts-of-Worship-Mass-V10-03082020.pdf>. However, it suffices to say here that they are kept on for the entirety of the service: the only exception being for the reception of Holy Communion where they should be unlooped, so that the Sacred Host may be consumed in front of the minister. The minister will wear a face covering for the distribution of Holy Communion, but otherwise will not do so as long as he remains in the Sanctuary. As with shops and public transport, there are legitimate exemptions for not wearing face coverings, so we should avoid jumping to conclusions about those who are not wearing coverings. Although wearing a covering is onerous for many, we should see the wearing of one as an act of charity towards many of our parishioners who are still very nervous about coming back to Mass.

The Bishops also say:

Worshippers should limit their interactions with anyone they are not attending church with, i.e. if they are attending corporate worship with one other household, wherever possible they should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of this group.

However, it is required to use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the building. **It is also essential to not come to church if you are showing any symptoms, such as coughing.**

### **How to book**

This will be done through our Parish Administrator Sue Chant, who is now able to work again after having been on furlough. Please indicate which Mass you want to go to, and if you are part of a household/bubble so that you can share a pew. You can do this by sending her an email at the parish address: [yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com), or by calling her on the parish mobile phone on **07856-989013**, where you may also leave a text. Sue will be working from home, and will not be available on the parish landline. Telephone booking will only be available during her working hours of Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 10am and 12pm midday.

### **Please note:**

At this point in time, it is not compulsory to book, but if you turn up to Mass and you have not booked and the church is full, you will be asked by the steward to wait outside. **You are not permitted to enter the church if it is full, due to the social distancing guidelines.** These guidelines are for the safety of everyone and must be complied with.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Father Martin Griffin MSFS who was Parish Priest here between 2009 to 2013, who has been diagnosed with cancer which is terminal. He left the parish of Royal Wootton Bassett where he had been serving since February on Friday, and is now resident at Nazareth House Nursing Home. Parishioners wanting to wish him well should write to him at: Nazareth House, 344 London Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, GL52 6YJ.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** our parishioners who are unwell. Father David O'Regan is in Crewkerne Hospital but is making progress. Rosemary Sampson has now left Yeovil Hospital. Terry Harvey has moved to Eastbury House, Sherborne together with his wife Madeleine, but is currently in Yeovil Hospital.

**PARISH FINANCES:** Please remember the financial needs of your parish. If you have been able to receive your normal salary during the lockdown, the precept to support your parish and pastors still stands, as the financial burdens of the parish still remain. The best way to support the parish is via a Standing Order. If you do not have one, and have not already passed on your contributions, please bring them as soon as you can when you attend Mass again. Thank you very much.

**THE YEAR OF COMMUNION:**

**Sunday 9 August - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time A**

We are living in turbulent times, such that it can feel as if a storm is truly raging around us. The pandemic has thrown many of us into turmoil and at times it has been very frightening. It has

not always been easy to stay calm, to trust that the storm will pass. In such times it is important that we get away to a quiet place where we can set aside our fears and worries and allow ourselves to rest in the consoling presence of God. The disciples were seasoned fishermen, so their apparent lack of preparedness is surprising but once the storm was raging it was out of their control. Covid-19 is something that we have not been able to control. It has revealed our fragility and vulnerability as human beings. Here we are, all in the same boat, tossed and thrown about. In our Gospel, Jesus does eventually rebuke the storm and the calm waters return. When he asks the disciples, 'Where is your faith?' he is asking us the same question. If we have faith, we know that God will not abandon us, that above the seemingly never-ending dark clouds, the sky is blue. This storm will pass. Let us continue to put our faith in God and learn from Him what he is trying to teach us.

**A FUTURE  
FULL  
OF HOPE**  
**COMMUNION**  
2019-2020

**We remember in our prayers:** The Parish of St Joseph, Stonehouse and the Annunciation, Woodchester. The Holy Father's Intentions for August: **The Maritime World** - We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families. For Peace. For church reopening to be safe for all. For the people of Beirut.

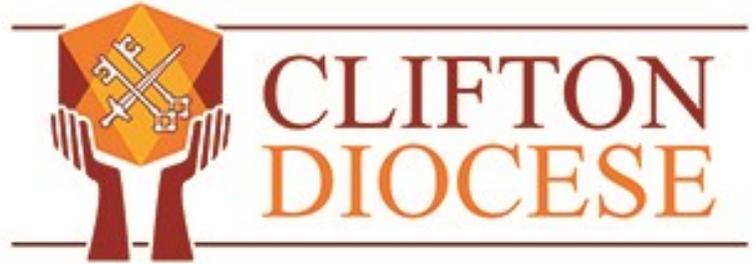
**Mass at RNAS Yeovilton:** Every First Thursday at 12.15pm.

**Parish Meetings:** are postponed until further notice.

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

**Parish Office:** Our Parish Administrator Sue Chant will be working from home on flexible furlough. She is available on the Parish Mobile Number 07856-989013 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am to 12pm midday.

**If you have any items for the Bulletin:** please send to the Parish Office by email: [yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com).



Dear friends and fellow parishioners,

Following on from my message in last week's bulletin, there is some further information which I need to share with you. This relates to the joyful news that our churches may start very slowly to open once more for Mass (in small numbers)

As always, there are many things to put in place, and to take into consideration, before this may safely happen; some relating to Safeguarding.



Clifton Diocese Safeguarding Team have circulated advice which we need to adhere to. They outline their reasons for this as follows:

### **What is Safeguarding?**

Every human being has a value and dignity which the Catholic faith acknowledges as coming directly from God's creation of male and female in his own image and likeness. This implies a duty to value all people and therefore to support them and protect them from harm. This is done by implementing legislation through policies and procedures.

In the Catholic Church this is demonstrated by the provision of carefully planned activities for children, young people and adults; supporting families under stress, caring for those hurt by abuse in the past, ministering to those who have caused harm.

It is because of these varied ministries that we need to provide a safe environment for all which promotes and supports their wellbeing. This will include carefully selecting and appointing those who work with children, young people or adults at risk of harm and responding robustly where concerns arise.

Therefore, all clergy, employees and volunteers working with vulnerable groups, including children, must adhere to the Catholic Church's national safeguarding policies, all of which can be found on [www.csas.uk.net](http://www.csas.uk.net)

### **Why does this affect opening our churches for public worship?**

Sadly, for some people, the pressure they have found themselves and their families under has been very hard to bear. During lockdown, organisations and charities have reported an increase in domestic abuse, child abuse, elderly abuse, neglect, mental health, and substance misuse. For some people, walking back into a church building after a long period of time might be the first opportunity they have to share their experience and speak about how they are feeling. Some may disclose incidents that need a Safeguarding response. This is intended to help you if you are faced with such a situation.

Therefore, while we are being asked to volunteer as stewards for guiding and helping people who wish to attend Mass, as well as thoroughly cleaning the church before and after Mass, Clifton is stating the following for volunteers:

**There is no requirement to have DBS clearance.**

**They must be a current volunteer within the church and known to the Parish Priest**

**Where possible at least one of every pair of Stewards should have some Safeguarding training. It is beneficial if both have. A module on EduCare will suffice. (Teachers and some health workers are likely to have received Safeguarding training within their professional role).**

Finally, if you have any Safeguarding concerns or questions, feel free to email me at our parish safeguarding email address:

[PSR.yeovil.holyghost@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:PSR.yeovil.holyghost@parish.cliftondiocese.com)

Keep safe and well. God bless.

**Margaret Gulliver**

**For more Safeguarding information you can visit:**

[www.cliftondiocese.com/departments/safeguarding](http://www.cliftondiocese.com/departments/safeguarding)



## **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.

### **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](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk) for more details.

## **COVID 19 – THE LORD’S LARDER, YEOVIL:**

*Matt Callaghan, YCST Operations Manager writes: 'Since the 16th March 2020, The Lord's Larder has seen an unprecedented rise in demand, tripling overnight. We currently help 380 people each week, that compares with the 407 people we helped for the whole of February. We would appreciate any support you can give the food bank at this time, either with items of food or by financial donation.*

**Food Donations:** as of today's date (Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020) food donations are still being collected; Morrisons in Yeovil are dedicating their currently closed café to support this. Food donations can also be placed in Yeovil's main Tesco, Asda, Lord's Larder Collection Trolleys or in Waitrose Crewkerne Collection Basket. You can also still place donations in The Lord's Larder Basket located in the reception area of The Gateway Building, Postcode - BA20 1QN - (located behind the AKS Renault building next to Ninesprings Country Park) - between 10am and 2pm Monday - Friday. If you need help carrying your donations from the car, please deliver in the morning when we have our willing volunteers ready to help or phone ahead to arrange assistance for an afternoon delivery.

**Foods Currently in Short Supply:** tinned ravioli, tins of macaroni cheese, tins of spaghetti, tins of baked beans, tins of hot dogs, tins of curry or chilli con carne, tinned potato, tinned sweetcorn, tinned peas, jars of coffee, tins of fruit, any spare food carrier bags, toothpaste and toothbrushes, dog food.

**Financial Donations:** Money can be donated to the 'Lord's Larder' or 'The Lord's Larder Community Fund, please indicate preference, please can all cheques be made out to 'YCST'.

All cash to be placed in a strong sealed envelope and marked F.A.O. - Yeovil Christian Support Trust - and delivered by hand to The Gateway

**To Set up Standing Orders:** Yeovil Christian Support Trust Charity Account, Unity Trust Bank PLC, Birmingham, B1 2HB.

Sort Code 60-83-01      Account Number 20211112

Please send completed standing orders and Gift Aid forms to: YCST, c/o The Treasurer, The Lord's Larder Office, The Gateway, Addlewell Lane, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1QN.

Please remember if you are eligible for Gift Aid, please feel free to use a Gift Aid Form as it will allow us to claim gift aid from the taxman at no cost to you. Please let us know if you want to Gift Aid so that we can keep a record of what Gift Aid is being claimed.

Many thanks for your continued support which is needed now more than ever before.'

**SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL:** are assisting those who are in particular need: free parcels to those who are shielded, and chargeable parcels for those who are vulnerable. They are contactable by phone at 01935-462462 or: [SSDCwellbeing@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:SSDCwellbeing@southsomerset.gov.uk) or [www.southsomerset.gov.uk](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk).

## **CAFOD JOINS DEC CORONAVIRUS APPEAL TO SAVE LIVES AS COVID-19 SPREADS IN REFUGEE CAMPS AND CONFLICT AREAS:**

CAFOD has joined forces with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to help millions of vulnerable people whose lives are at risk as the coronavirus pandemic spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict.

Families who have been forced to flee their homes in places including Syria, South Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, now face another deadly threat as coronavirus takes hold in new areas.

CAFOD Director, Christine Allen, said:

"In the UK our struggle against coronavirus has entered the next phase, but in many of the world's poorest communities, the fight has only just begun. Families who have fled conflict, and are living in crowded camps or makeshift shelters, are especially vulnerable.

"We need your support to reach these communities and help people to cope as best they can when an outbreak of the virus strikes.

"In many places around the world, there are not enough hospital beds or supplies to treat everyone who falls ill. But promoting handwashing and providing personal protective equipment, health advice and food parcels can make a huge difference."

The first coronavirus case has been confirmed in north-west Syria, causing alarm for a region where camps are over-crowded, and hospitals in ruins, after nearly ten years of war.

"It is critical that we act now to reach millions of vulnerable people who have lost everything and no longer have ways of coping," said Allen. "Working with the Disasters Emergency Committee will allow us to scale up our response and reach more people in need."

Donations to the DEC's Coronavirus Appeal will support vulnerable families by:

- Providing handwashing facilities, clean water, soap, and hand sanitiser
- Promoting public information messages on ways people can stay safe and protect others
- Supporting health systems and aid workers by providing training, personal protective equipment, and medical supplies for frontline responders.

CAFOD is already responding to the coronavirus crisis in some of the poorest countries in the world. Since launching its emergency appeal on 30 April, it has scaled up its support to local aid workers who are providing food and improving hand-washing and sanitation facilities in countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

It is also supporting the training of faith leaders in hygiene promotion and working with churches to use their networks to share clear and accurate information on how communities can protect themselves from coronavirus. This includes messages on Catholic radio stations and producing posters in local dialects.

*Donate: You can visit [CAFOD's secure donation page](https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal) to support the DEC appeal at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>*



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**8am-11pm**

**7 days a week**

## **LISTENING CHAPLAINCY PHONELINE**

**Serving Bristol, Somerset and South Gloucestershire**

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*Are you recently bereaved or concerned about end of life issues?*

*Are you a key worker overwhelmed by what you are facing or dealing with at work?*

*Are you worried about someone who is seriously ill, especially if you can't visit them?*

*Are you anxious about the effect that the COVID 19 crisis is having on your life?*

*Maybe you would just like someone from the faith communities to talk to.*

If you live in the Bristol, Somerset or South Gloucestershire area:

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### **IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:**

WomansAid - National Domestic Violence Helpline – 0808 2000 247

The Mix – Advice for the under 25yrs. – 0808 808 4994

Advice for Male Victims of Domestic Violence - 0808 8801 0327

Childline – Deals with a vast variety of children concerns including Domestic Violence. 0800 1111

<https://www.csas.uk.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Guidance-Supporting-people-who-may-be-experiencing-domestic-violence.pdf>