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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

Parish Office Email: [yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com)

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 10th January - *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

9:00am	Pro Populo	St Michael's
10:30am	In Thanksgiving - Maria Jose ( <i>Mr and Mrs Jose Varghese</i> )	Holy Ghost
6:30pm	Holy Souls (November List) 30	Holy Ghost

## Monday 11th January - *Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 1, Year 1 Readings)*

10:00am	Patrick Murphy RIP (Anniversary) ( <i>Mr and Mrs M Novak</i> ) <b>and</b> Father Kenneth Franks MSFS RIP	<b>Livestream</b>
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## Tuesday 12th January - *Memorial of Saint Aelred of Rievaulx*

10:00am	In Thanksgiving - Wedding Anniversary of John and Nicky Dillon ( <i>Mr and Mrs J Dillon</i> ) <b>and</b> Marie-Louise Sewell RIP ( <i>Mr A Henry</i> )	<b>Livestream</b>
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## Wednesday 13th January - *Memorial of Saint Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

10:00am	Intentions of Miss Hawkey and Miss Histon ( <i>Mr and Mrs M Novak</i> ) <b>and</b> Intentions of Sally Rafferty ( <i>Mr and Mrs F Brennan</i> )	Holy Ghost
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## Thursday 14th January - *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

10:00am	Andy Coward RIP ( <i>Mrs A Clarke</i> ) <b>and</b> Intentions of Tresamma Jose and Family ( <i>Mr and Mrs R Rowland</i> )	St Michael's
6:00pm	Adoration, Rosary, Devotions and Benediction	<b>Livestream</b>

## Friday 15th January - *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

10:00am	In Thanksgiving - Baby Faustina Ajesh ( <i>Mr and Mrs Ajesh Sebastian</i> )	Holy Ghost
7:00pm	Kasiemierz and Maria Budzynski RIP ( <i>Mrs A Robus</i> ) <b>Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite</b>	Holy Ghost

## Saturday 16th January - *Our Lady on Saturday*

**No Morning Mass**

*First Mass of Sunday*

5:00pm	Eileen Hendy RIP ( <i>Mrs S Stirling</i> )	Holy Ghost
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## Sunday 17th January - *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am	Pro Populo	St Michael's
10.30am	Bridget and Phillip Phipps RIP ( <i>Mr P Phipps</i> )	Holy Ghost
6:30pm	Holy Souls	Holy Ghost

**All services at Holy Ghost are available on livestream at <https://www.churchservices.tv/yeovil>. Booking is recommended for Masses: send an email to [yeovil.holyghost@cliftodiocese.com](mailto:yeovil.holyghost@cliftodiocese.com) or text the Parish Office on 07856-989013.**

## **BISHOP ON ROLE OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES DURING CURRENT LOCKDOWN:**

*On Friday 8 January, following some questions about why our churches remain open, Bishop John Sherrington, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, issued the following letter explaining the position and role of our churches during the current lockdown:*

We are aware that questions are being asked as to why churches remain open during this National Lockdown. We are also aware that many local authorities are calling for places of worship to close. We wish to respond to these concerns.

Churches are allowed to open for prayer and communal worship at this time according to the provision of the most recent national legislation and Government guidance.

**This decision is based on two factors: the recognition that our churches are safe, and that the service they offer is essential.**

The safety of our churches has been affirmed by Public Health England (PHE) in its current advice to the Government. This is publicly recognised to be the result of the great efforts made by many people in the implementation of procedures mandated by PHE and thereby establishing the necessary conditions within churches for their safe use.

Our churches are making a significant contribution to the personal resilience and inner strength of people which is much needed at this time. Many are hubs from which essential support is offered especially to those most in need, extending well beyond the faith communities which use them. This includes the regular provision of food; the care of the homeless; and being a place of peace and reflection (which is safe) for many whose living conditions are very limited. This will become more appreciated as the programme of vaccination increases. The vital link between prayer and action is important to maintain this service.

At this phase of the pandemic, which is causing alarm and fear, our churches will exercise their role with increased diligence to ensure continuing safety and service.

Our clergy will ensure that all are aware that there is no duty or responsibility to come to church and communicate to all there is no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. They will review, in each local area, the provision offered by the church in order to ensure that the highest standards of safety are maintained. This will include a review of the role of stewards, the provision of additional social distancing within the church, a review of cleansing routines, and consideration of the personal circumstances of the priest(s) and people. On this basis there will be a local evaluation and decision about the possible reduction in the times of opening and the frequency of communal worship.

In conclusion we recognise the higher levels of fear and anxiety which the new strain of the virus has prompted and we have a very proper awareness of the care which must be exercised by everyone, under the guidance of PHE health professionals.

We recognise, too, that isolation is having a profound detrimental effect on people and that the role of churches in easing that isolation in ways which are safe and supportive has been recognised as a positive and beneficial contribution to the common good.

We pray for the dedicated work of the NHS and continue to provide spiritual support to staff and patients through the network of chaplains working both in the hospitals and the community.

**O COME LET US ADORE HIM!** *Father Jean-Patrice writes:* Within two days of the last bulletin, we are now in a national lockdown. However, although many things are closed, places of worship are still allowed to open. It is worth noting that the rate of infection in the district of South Somerset is much lower than many other places in our country. Parishioners are encouraged to come to Mass and to the church to pray if they are able to do so: however the Livestream offers an opportunity to join in with the worship for those who are unable.

If we are able to remain open, it is in large part to the generosity of volunteers to steward and clean. It will always be helpful to have extra volunteers to help. 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).

**Our church at Holy Ghost has been rearranged to form a side aisle. People sitting in the Lady Chapel should come to Communion first, returning in the same way, then everyone else should come to Communion down the centre aisle and return via the one-way system down the side aisle.**

The usual timetable is as below: please check the bulletin as times of weekday Masses may vary.

Saturday	5pm (First Mass of Sunday)	Holy Ghost
Sunday	9am Mass	St Michael's
	10.30am and 6.30pm Mass	Holy Ghost
Monday	10am Mass	<b>Livestream only</b>
Tuesday	10am Mass	<b>Livestream only</b>
Wednesday	10am Mass	Holy Ghost
Thursday	10am Mass	St Michael's
	6pm Adoration, Rosary and Devotions	<b>Livestream only</b>
Friday	10am Mass and 7pm Mass (Latin)	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. 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 of Masses which we can do

here.

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 three clusters of two chairs. Since face coverings are now obligatory, we can now go to 1m+ distancing, or in other words two people from different households at the end of the same pew. So a minimum of twenty eight 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). 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>.

Face coverings are to be 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.

**As face coverings are not easy to wear for a sustained length of time, weekday Masses will not have a homily. Parishioners who find the length of Mass difficult should go to weekday Masses as there is no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday (although the obligation to sanctify Sunday with prayer still remains).**

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 on flexible 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 texting her on the parish mobile phone on **07856-989013**. 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.

**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.

**FREE PARISH DIARIES:** available at both churches. Also a limited supply of Diocesan Liturgical Diaries and Directories.

**EPIPHANY CHALK AND HOLY WATER:** is available at Holy Ghost.

If you would like to know how to bless your house with the blessed chalk and Holy Water, please see



here: [The Chalking of the Doors: An Epiphany Tradition Explained - OnePeterFive](#)

**KEEPING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON UNTIL CANDLEMAS:** English Heritage have suggested that we all keep the traditional Christmas Season until the 40th Day when we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas. Further information here: [Leave your Christmas decorations up until February, says English Heritage | English Heritage \(english-heritage.org.uk\)](#)

**We remember in our prayers:** The Parishes of Saint Mary, Bath and Good Shepherd, Batheaston. The Holy Father's Intentions for January: **Human fraternity** - May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

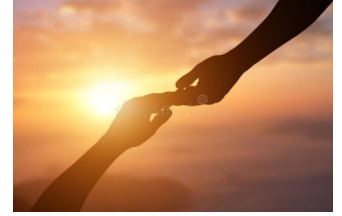
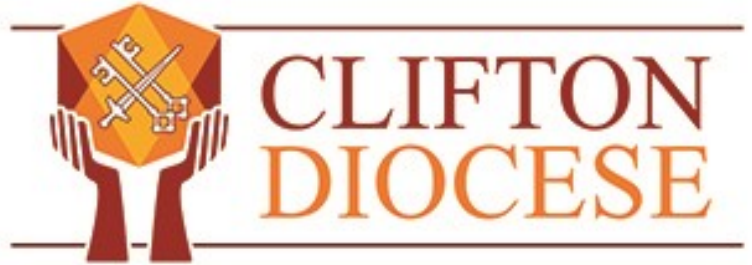
**Mass in Syro-Malabar Rite:** Second Sunday of the month at 2.30pm.

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

**Hire of the Marian Hall:** Closed until further notice.

**Parish Office:** Our Parish Administrator Sue Chant will be working from home. 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,

If you have any concerns regarding a Safeguarding issue, feel free to email me at our parish safeguarding email address:  
[PSR.yeovil.holyghost@parish.cliftondiocese.com](mailto:PSR.yeovil.holyghost@parish.cliftondiocese.com)

Alternatively, if you wanted to speak to me directly, I am a steward each Friday morning at 10.00am Mass.

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)



## **Dorchester Trust for Counselling and Psychotherapy**

Colliton Street – Dorchester – Dorset – DT1 1XH  
[collitonst@btinternet.com](mailto:collitonst@btinternet.com) – [www.dorchestertrust.co.uk](http://www.dorchestertrust.co.uk)

### **COVID-19**

DTCP & Colliton Street Psychotherapy Services are able to offer the following during this time of crisis.

### **KEY WORKERS in Dorset & Somerset**

6 short-term counselling sessions free of charge to all those of you who work in hospitals, health care, care homes, education, shops, essential service industries and as carers in people's homes. It may be possible to hold these sessions face to face although mostly they are likely to be via telephone, Skype or Zoom.

[You can contact us via our website www.psychotherapydorset.co.uk](http://www.psychotherapydorset.co.uk)

or telephone/text 07714 330120.

## **BISHOPS ISSUE UPDATED STATEMENT ON COVID-19 AND VACCINATION:**

*On behalf of the Bishops, the Department for Social Justice of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has issued a follow up to its September 2020 statement - [COVID-19 and Vaccination](#) (24 September 2020).*

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The development of a vaccine against COVID-19 presents an important breakthrough in protecting others as well as oneself from the virus; a virus which has not only caused a global pandemic and led to a huge loss of life but has also placed a great burden on healthcare workers and systems.

Each of us has a duty to protect others from infection with its danger of serious illness, and for some, death. A vaccine is the most effective way to achieve this unless one decides to self-isolate.

At present, debate concerns the use of the vaccines developed by Pfizer & BioNTech, Moderna, and AstraZeneca. Some have questioned the use of the Astra Zeneca vaccine since it has been developed from cell-lines originating from the cells of an aborted foetus in 1983.

The [Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith](#) and the [Pontifical Academy of Life](#) have expressed the view that one may in good conscience and for a grave reason receive a vaccine sourced in this way, provided that there is a sufficient moral distance between the present administration of the vaccine and the original wrongful action.

In the COVID-19 pandemic, we judge that this grave reason exists and that one does not sin by receiving the vaccine.

Both the Pfizer & BioNTech and Moderna vaccines have a different source since they are mRNA-based vaccines. On 2 December 2020, the Pfizer & BioNTech vaccine was approved for use in the UK.

Each Catholic must educate his or her conscience on this matter and decide what to do, also bearing in mind that a vaccine must be safe, effective, and universally available, especially to the poor of the world.

Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience, one may refuse a particular vaccine but continues to have a duty to protect others from infection.

### **Right Reverend Richard Moth**

*Chair, [Department of Social Justice](#)*

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

*Father Jean-Patrice writes:* There are some other sources that parishioners can consult to inform their consciences. The first is the statement from the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/vatican-cdf-says-use-of-anti-covid-vaccines-morally-acceptable/>

There is also the statement from the Anscombe Bioethics Centre:

<http://www.bioethics.org.uk/images/user/covidbriefing2.pdf>

Amongst other articles on the subject, there is this one:

[How to Object to an Abortion-Tainted COVID-19 Vaccine | National Catholic Register \(ncregister.com\)](#)



## **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).



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**7 days a week**

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*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.*

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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>