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Church of the Holy Ghost, Yeovil

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Also serving

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Served by the Missionaries of Saint Francis de Sales (Fransalians - MSFS)

Priests: Fr Sujith John Pallassery MSFS; Fr Jose Maliekal MSFS

Priests resident in the Parish: Fr David O'Regan

Parish Administrator: Sue Chant (Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9am - 12:30pm).

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Margaret Gulliver and The
Diocesan Safeguarding Office can be contacted at 0117-954 0993.

CONFESSIONS: 4.15pm - 4.45pm on Saturday, before & after Mass 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 Catho-
lic 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 Per-
manent 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 and Services.

Mass and Service Times for the week ahead

Saturday 17 December - Weekday of Advent

9:30am	Intentions of Rose Till (<i>F & M Brennan</i>) <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	Holy Ghost
5:00pm	RIP Abraham Polakkattil (<i>George Joseph</i>)	Holy Ghost

Sunday 18 December - **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00am	Intentions of the Parish	St Michael's
10:30am	RIP Denis & Helen Mary Winskill Christmas Intentions of Louise Brennan (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	Holy Ghost
6:30pm	The Batchelder Family, Living and Dead	Holy Ghost

Monday 19 December - Weekday of Advent

09:30am	Christmas Intentions of Nathan Brennan (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	Holy Ghost
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Tuesday 20 December - Weekday of Advent

09:30am	RIP Maria George (<i>George Joseph</i>)	Holy Ghost
6:30pm	RIP Maria George (The Women's Forum)	Holy Ghost

Wednesday 21 December - Weekday of Advent

09:30am	Birthday Mrs Sally Rafferty (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	Holy Ghost
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Thursday 22 December - Weekday of Advent

09:30am		St Michael's
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Friday 23 December - Weekday of Advent

09:30am	Birthday Manuel Baby (<i>Baby & Lenitta</i>)	Holy Ghost
6:00pm	Adoration followed by Holy Mass	
7:00pm	RIP Maria George (<i>Nicy George</i>)	Holy Ghost

Saturday 24 December - Weekday of Advent

09:30am	RIP Veronica Peters (<i>Antony Henry</i>) <i>First Mass of Christmas Eve</i>	Holy Ghost
6:00pm	Christmas Intentions of Thomas & Katie Brennan (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	St Michael's
6:30pm	Carol Singing followed by	Holy Ghost
7:00pm	Christmas Intentions of Francis & Mona Brennan (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	Holy Ghost
9:30pm	Mass in Malayalam	Holy Ghost

Sunday 25 December - **SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

8:30am		Holy Ghost
9:00am		St Michael's
10:30am		Holy Ghost

Mass in Polish is every Sunday at 4:30pm at Holy Ghost. All services at Holy Ghost are available on livestream at <https://www.churchservices.tv/yeovil>.

Advent Confession: As Advent calls us to prepare our hearts and minds to receive Jesus, we will have the Sacrament of Confession at **St Michael's (South Petherton) on 17th Saturday at 10 am onwards & at Holy Ghost on 20th (Tuesday) December at 5 pm onwards**. Thereafter, you are free to attend Holy Mass (on 20th) at 6:30 pm. Blessed **Sacrament will be exposed** at the start of Confession and reposed silently at the end of Confession. In case if you could not make it these days, please request the Priests either before or after Mass. I request you to make the best use of the opportunity to get your hearts ready for Christmas. Don't forget that it's the immediate and important preparation for Christmas. Make a note of it in your diary.

Christmas Mass Timings: You would find it on the noticeboard as well.

Christmas Eve (24th) at Holy Ghost: 4:30 pm (Polish); 6:30 pm (carol singing), 7 pm (English); 9:30 pm (Malayalam)

Christmas Eve at St Michael's, South Petherton: 6 pm (English)

Christmas Day at Holy Ghost: 8:30 am (English); 10:30 am (English) and 4:30 pm (Polish)

Christmas Day at St Michael's South Petherton: 9 am (English) and **11 am at Somerton**

NB: There will be no evening Mass on 25th December

Christmas Offering: Just to let you know that the Christmas and Easter Offerings go to the priests. It is an appreciation of what the priests do for the parish community. The offerings received will be divided between Fr Jose and myself. Normally, if anyone is unable to come on Christmas day and still want to do the offering could pick Christmas offering envelopes placed at the back of the Church and return them anytime. Otherwise, the offertory collection during Mass is considered Christmas offering.

Lord's Larder: John Marsden informs me that if we could be thoughtful of the less fortunate ones, we could leave some food materials at the back of the Church in the Lord's Larder baskets. Isn't it wonderful to buy a few more items as we shop around, which may not cost us much but means a lot to the beneficiaries. During this Christmas, let us try to light up others' lives!

Parish Office Christmas Closure: The Parish Office will be closed from 1:00pm on Wednesday 21st December and will re-open on Friday 6th January at 9:00am. Any urgent matters can be directed to the Priest, otherwise please email and leave a message and it will be dealt with upon the return of the Administrator. Thank you.

Second Collection this Sunday: Is for Christmas Flowers. Many thanks as ever to our flower arrangers who work hard to make our churches beautiful, not only for the Christmas Festival, but all year around.

Christmas Crib Collection: goes to Clifton Children's Society. This is promoted by the Diocese, and helps to fund children who have no homes to find adoptive families. The Crib will stay up throughout the forty days of Christmas until the Feast of the Presentation of The Lord on 2nd February, so there is plenty of opportunity to make a visit to the crib, and pray before the Christ-Child who came to save us.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER

- 4:30PM POLISH MASS
6:00PM *MASS AT ST MICHAEL'S
SOUTH PETHERTON*
6:30PM CAROL SINGING -
FOLLOWED BY
7:00PM MASS
9:30PM MASS IN MALAYALAM

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER

- 8:30AM CHRISTMAS MASS
9:00AM *MASS AT ST MICHAEL'S
SOUTH PETHERTON*
10:30AM CHRISTMAS MASS
11:00AM *MASS AT ENGLISH MARTYRS
IN CHARD*
4:30PM POLISH MASS

The Pope's December Prayer Intention: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organisations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

We remember in our prayers: We pray for those of our family and friends who have recently passed away both in the Parish and elsewhere. May they rest in peace.

For peace in our world, and for the people of Ukraine & Russia.

Mass in Malayalam: Second and Fourth Sunday of the month at 2.00pm.

Hire of the Marian Hall: Has now reopened for hire.

Parish Office: is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to 12:30pm. **If you have any items for the Bulletin:** please send to the Parish Office by email: yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com.