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Church of the Holy Ghost, Yeovil

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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 24 December - Weekday of Advent

9:30am	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>) Intention of John Tester and Family (<i>Mary Ashby</i>)	Holy Ghost
9:30pm	Mass in Malayalam - Baby, Lenitta & Family (<i>Michael Novak</i>)	Holy Ghost

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

8:30am	Intention of Rose Till (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	Holy Ghost
9:00am	Intentions for the Parish	St Michael's
10:30am	Christmas Intention of Sally and Sharon Rafferty (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	Holy Ghost

Monday 26 December - **Feast of St Stephen, The First Martyr** **Feast of the Altar Servers**

9:30am	Christmas Intentions of Mr & Mrs M McLaughlin (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	Holy Ghost
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Tuesday 27 December - **Feast of Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist**

9:30am	Christmas Intentions of Patricia Doyle (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	Holy Ghost
6:30pm	No Mass	Holy Ghost

Wednesday 28 December - **Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

9:30am	Christmas Intentions of Betty and John Sweeney (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	Holy Ghost
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Thursday 29 December - **Feast of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr Patron of Pastoral Clergy in England and Wales**

9:30am	Christmas Intentions of Sarah Fletcher (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	St Michael's
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Friday 30 December - **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

9:30am	Christmas Intentions of Naomi Brennan (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	Holy Ghost
6:00pm	Adoration followed by Holy Mass	
7:00pm	Intentions of Frs Jose & Sujith (<i>Ordination Anniversary</i>)	Holy Ghost

Saturday 31 December - **Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas**

9:30am	RIP Cymbeline Rachel Henry (<i>A Henry</i>) <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	
6:30pm	Thanksgiving Richard Hancock (<i>Elizabeth Hancock</i>)	

Sunday 1 January - **SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00am		St Michael's
10:30am	Christmas Intention of May & Eamon McLaugh (<i>F & M Brennan</i>)	Holy Ghost
6:30pm	Intention of Sally Rafferty (<i>Mary McLaughlin</i>)	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>.

Happy Christmas: Its my first Christmas with you since my arrival in August. I am really happy to celebrate this Christmas with you all. You will be all remembered in my prayers as we celebrate Christ's nativity. I wish you all Happy and Joyous Christmas.

Advent Confession: Thank you for responding positively for advent confessions. I have been to a few places for confessions in our deanery. Our participation was the best amongst them all. Much appreciated...

BIG Thanks: As we celebrate Christmas in a few days' time, let's not forget people who have put their heart out in getting the Church ready. It's the sacrifice generous people that we see the outside decoration, Christmas tree beside the sanctuary, the nativity scene, the decorations inside the Church...Without naming anyone, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to you all. It shows that we love our Church.

Christmas Mass Timings:

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 and 27th December (Evening)

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.

Helping Hand to the Homebound Friends: I have been visiting a few homebound people off late. I still do not know how many more are still out there. If you know any of the parishioners who wish to be visited, please let me know. May be from mid-January onwards, Eucharistic ministers could take Holy Communion to them that they feel belong to the Church and they feel that the Church cares for them. Some of them wish to come to Church. If some parishioners take the lead to give a lift to them, it would be really appreciated.

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!

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 ST DUNSTAN'S
SOMERTON*
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.