

****Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 11th February 2024****

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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

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Parish Administrator: Sue Chant (Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am - 1:00pm)

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 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 and Services.

Mass and Service Times for the Week Ahead

Saturday 10 February - Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

9:30am	RIP Alan Tupman RIP Michael Leydon (Adele) RIP Mary Lawrence 109 th B day (M & D Want) <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	Holy Ghost
4:00pm	Adoration and Devotions	
5:00pm	Thanksgiving B'day Princl (Praveen & Family) RIP Robert peplar (M Gilbert)	Holy Ghost

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9:00am	RIP Fr Francis Hamilton MSFS	St Michael's
10:30am	RIP Damien Murphy (Rowland Family) RIP Eileen Sollis B'day (M Sollis)	Holy Ghost
2:00pm	<i>Malayalam Mass</i>	Holy Ghost
6:00pm	RIP Rowena De Los Santos Moreno (Bernadette De Los Santos)	Holy Ghost

Monday 12 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time

6:00pm	Tom and Mary James RIP (Adele) 94 th B'day Joseph Eguabor (Lola)	Holy Ghost
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Tuesday 13 February - Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:30am	For healing & Good Health Juliana L S Arthur (Akinda Family)	Holy Ghost
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Wednesday 14 February - Ash Wednesday Day of Fasting and Abstinence

9:30am	RIP Eileen Sollis B day (M Sollis) RIP Jan Jerzykowski (Ernie)	Holy Ghost
10:00am		St Michael's
6:00pm	13 th W Anniversary Praveen & Laveena	Holy Ghost

Thursday 15 February - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

9:30am		St Michael's
6:00pm	RIP Sunny M Paul (Anju & Ajeesh) RIP Mrs Isabel Villegas Leus (Family and Friends)	Holy Ghost

Friday 16 February - Friday after Ash Wednesday

9:30am	16 th B day Ayomide Olamosu (Lola)	Holy Ghost
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Saturday 17 February - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9:30am	Thanksgiving and Intentions of Fr Benjamin (F & M Brennan) <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	Holy Ghost
5:00pm	RIP Maria George (George Joseph)	Holy Ghost

Sunday 18 February - First Sunday of Lent

9:00am	RIP Jan Mesar & Intentions of Josef Mesar and family	St Michael's
10:30am	RIP Damien Murphy (Joe Novak & Family)	Holy Ghost
6:00pm	RIP Michael Leydon (Adele) RIP Ned & Mary Lynch (Foundation Mass)	Holy Ghost

Mass in Polish is every Sunday at 4:00pm at Holy Ghost. All services at Holy Ghost are available on livestream at <https://www.churchservices.tv/yeovil>.

Lent: We are fast approaching the beginning of the season of Lent. In his message for Lent 2024, Pope Francis warns us that “too often we are dominated by an inexplicable longing for slavery,” a desire to cling to idols that paralyze us, as Israel was paralyzed in the desert. Lent, however, is a “season of grace, a time of conversion,” where the desert can become “a place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery,” where “we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.” The Lenten journey is thus both a time for action as well as a time “to pause” in prayer and to pause “in the presence of a wounded brother or sister” letting thereby “the contemplative dimension” of Lent to “release new energies,” in us to be “more sensitive to one another.” May Lent 2024 have such a transforming effect in each one of us!

Ash Wednesday liturgy: on 14 February we enter into the holy season of Lent by celebrating Ash Wednesday liturgy. There will be 2 Holy Masses at Holy Ghost (9:30 am and 6 pm) and Mass at St Michael’s (SP) at 10 am. Please try to attend any one of the Ash Wednesday liturgies. It is a day of fasting and abstinence as well. If you wish to carry home ashes for family members you may do so (bring your own covers).

Update about Fr Jose: Fr Jose had the PET scan last week and the result says “complete metabolic remission” – which is excellent news. Let us thank God for His healing touch. We continue to pray for Fr Jose. On behalf of Fr J, I would like to thank you all for all help received in taking good care of Fr J.

Hereafter, he will be involved in the spiritual life of the parish (partial involvement only). Welcome back Fr J.

Rectification of irregularities: Speaking from the Churches point of view, some of the irregularities could be rectified (especially marital irregularities). But it takes some time. You are free to have a chat with me about them. If rectifiable, we would crack on with them and rectify those situations.

RCIA: The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), also called the Catechumenate, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition.

Interested candidates are invited to meet me first and register for the RCIA lessons. If there are enough candidates, we hope to begin (or liaise with another parish) the course from June 2024.

Appeal from SVP Co-ordinator: We will be joined at Sunday Mass this weekend by John Ciereszko, the diocesan co-ordinator for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for Clifton; He will be making a short appeal after Mass.

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name

Responsorial Psalm: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion: We have received a date from Bishop Declan Lang (Bishop of Clifton) for Confirmation. 18th July (Thursday) at 7 pm HG parish will be hosting the confirmation of our candidates.

At the same time, do not forget that our lovely kids will make their first Holy Communion on 15th June.

We remember all the candidates in our prayers. Parents must accompany them very specially during these days of preparation. Do not leave everything into the hands of the teachers. Parents' cooperation and active participation in their faith life is very much needed.

The Lord's Larder: A huge thank you for all the food donations across Holy Ghost and St Michael's Church. John Marsden sent a photo of the amount that was collected in just one week. Your support and help is really appreciated by those in need amongst our local community. Thank you very much for your continuing support.



Pope's February Prayer Intentions: For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

We remember in our prayers: Eileen Farnworth RIP who passed away on Tuesday 23 January 2024. Her funeral will be at Yeovil Crematorium on Thursday 22nd February at 3:20pm. Our family and friends who are sick or who have recently passed away both in the Parish and elsewhere. May they rest in peace.

For peace in our world.

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

Hire of the Marian Hall: Please book during office times below ideally by email.

Parish Office: Open Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

If you have any items for the Bulletin: please email: yeovil.holyghost@cliftondiocese.com.