Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20 September 2026

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YEOVIL PARISH

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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

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

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Nina Abel 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 19 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time		
9:30am	Good health of Simon Hoskin (M Lange)	Holy Ghost
4:00pm	Adoration and Confession	Holy Ghost
5:00pm	RIP Theresa Novak (Rowland Family); RIP Maria George (G Joseph)	Holy Ghost
Sunday 20 September - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
9:00am	Intentions of the Parish & Birthday Fr Jose	St Michael's
10:30am	RIP John Priscott (Margaret); Healing Mrs Cath Smith (M & M McLaughlin)	Holy Ghost
1:00pm	*Children's Mass* Paschal Okenyi – Confirmation Thanksgiving (Mr & Mrs Peter Okenyi)	Holy Ghost
6:00pm	RIP Pomian Ursula (F Mass)	Holy Ghost
Monday 21 September - Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist		
6:00pm	RIP Puthussery Kurian (Sowmya & Sanju)	Holy Ghost
Tuesday 22 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time		
9:30am	Intentions of Jestymol Ajesh (Ajesh)	Holy Ghost
Wednesday 23 September - Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest		
9:30am	Healing Mrs Cath Smith (M & M McLaughlin)	Holy Ghost
Thursday 24 September - Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham		
9:30am		St Michael's
6:00pm		Holy Ghost
Friday 25 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time		
9:30am		Holy Ghost
Saturday 26 September - Weekday in Ordinary Time		
9:30am	Intentions of Adonis Thomas (Thomas Smitha Family)	Holy Ghost
4:00pm	Adoration and Confession	
5:00pm	RIP Ian Ackerman (N Ackerman)	Holy Ghost
Sunday 27 September - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
9:00am		St Michael's
10:30am		Holy Ghost
2:00pm	*Malayalam Mass* - Thanksgiving Sairah Susan Sobu & Ethan Aiden Sobu (Anitha Sobu)	
6:00pm	RIP George Caveney (F 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.

Salesian thought: "The life of Christ reveals that charity is never stationary, for divine love is diffusive by nature, moving through every place and circumstance to communicate the joy of the kingdom to all who are ready to receive it." **St Francis de Sales**

Confirmation Celebration: Sixteen of our candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 16th September. Our beloved Bishop graciously came to our parish to confer the sacrament on these confirmands.

A special thank you to Onyi for preparing the young people for this important day, despite a busy schedule and childcare commitments. Thanks also to the other catechists – Mic, Saly, Bernadette, Kaone and others – who stepped in to help.

Thank you to all the confirmands for their enthusiasm and willingness to take part in this sacrament, and to their parents for their support throughout the preparation.

Sunday Catechism: On 20th September, we begin the new Sunday Catechism calendar year. When other parishes complain about NO Children attending Church, we have more than 120 attending Sunday Catechism and Children's Mass. Very often the Children's Catechism Mass attracts a full house Church. We have dedicated teachers who are all DBS'd (grateful to them) and we are reaping the fruits of this venture by way of kids joining altar servers, choir, readers. The Bishop was surprised to see so many altar servers and he said he has not seen so many servers in any parish.

NB: Children's Mass will be celebrated at **1:00 pm** (on a trial basis), followed by catechism in the Marian Hall.

Happy Birthday Fr Jose: The 20th of September is a special day for Fr Jose, who turns 80. Unfortunately, he will be away with his nephews and nieces, so we will not be able to celebrate with him on the day itself. Instead, we are holding a celebration on 30th September, combined with the MSFS celebration, to honour him together.

On this occasion, I would like to ask you to include his birthday intentions in your prayers and to continue supporting him on his priestly journey. Happy Birthday dear Fr Jose.

Convalidation: You may not be familiar with the term convalidation. It is a Catholic ceremony that validates a marriage previously considered invalid by the Church, typically because a Catholic partner married outside the canonical form (e.g., in a civil ceremony or another religion) without a dispensation. It is not merely a "blessing" of an existing union but a new act of consent: the couple exchanges vows before a priest or deacon and two witnesses, thereby entering into the sacramental bond of matrimony for the first time in the eyes of the Church.

Over the past four years I have celebrated more than ten convalidations at our parish. Tomorrow, three more couples will be convalidated. This has been made possible through the efforts of Bernadette and the CFC community.

I am publishing this note for anyone who wishes to regularise their marriage. If you are interested, please speak with me.

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm: R/ The Lord is close to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Second Collection Next Sunday - MSFS Mission Appeal: We have received permission from the Diocese to hold an annual Mission Appeal in the parishes we serve. Instead of the monthly MHBF collection, we are holding the MSFS Mission appeal. The proceeds this year will be sent to support one of the projects in our Missions in Africa. For more details, please have a read through the poster attached on the 6th and 7th page of the e-bulletin.

MSFS Founder's Day: Please do not forget **30th September** Founder's Day celebration at Holy Ghost, Yeovil. **Mass begins at 11am**. All are welcome. As of now, 11 MSFS priests will be present for the Mass. It will be a great moment to celebrate the 80th Birthday of Fr Jose (actual date is 20th September) and the death anniversary of the founder of MSFS – Servant of God Fr Peter Marie Mermier. Your presence and prayers will be a testament to the service of the MSFS to this parish for the past 127 years.

Altar Servers Mass at Westminster Abbey: Every year, a special day is set apart by the CBC of England and Wales to celebrate and thank our Altar Servers with a beautiful Mass at Westminster Abbey. The Archbishop of Westminster will be the main celebrant.

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting the young people who serve our parish so faithfully at the altar. If you can help drive or would like to sponsor a child, please contact me or Mike Fenn.

Our Lady of Fatima and Relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco: On Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco will be visiting Clifton Cathedral. **Please see page 7** of the E-Bulletin for further details or visit the Cathedral website Welcome to Clifton Cathedral | Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton or email Mary Manners mary.manners@cliftondiocese

Pope's September Intentions - For the care of water - Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

We remember in our prayers: RIP Lynton Seymour-Whitely who passed away on Wednesday 17th September. 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 Marian Hall: Through the website - click this link: Hall Booking | The Holy Ghost Parish

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

VISITATION OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE (NPVS) OF

Our Lady of Fatima

AND THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO

Cathedral Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Bristol BS8 3BX

26 September 2026, Saturday

09:10	Welcome and Notices
09:15	Procession of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta Marto
09:30	Solemn Mass (with Bishop Bosco MacDonald)
10:45	Veneration of the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta
11:00	Communal recitation and reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
12:00	The Angelus then Lunch *(Bring a packed lunch. Tea & coffee provided.)*
13:00	Docu-film on "Fatima: Message for the World"
13:45	Talk on the Message of Fatima
14:45	Break
15:00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation
16:00	Benediction
16:10	Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapulars
16:30	End of day 1

27 September 2026, Sunday

07:30	Holy Mass
08:30	Veneration of the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta
09:30	Holy Mass
11:15	Holy Mass
12:30	Veneration of the Relics of Ss Francisco and Jacinta
13:00	End of visit

For more information, please visit the Cathedral website.

Arranged by the World Apostolate of Fatima (England & Wales)
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Contact the World Apostolate of Fatima
Mobile no. 07788473210 (9 am to 5 pm only, Mon to Fri)

MSFS
MISSION APPEAL

Who are we?

We are the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, a missionary congregation founded in Annecy in 1838. We are grateful to serve you in this parish and to share in the life of your community.

Where does your support go?

Our mission fund supports our missionary work, especially in Africa, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique, Chad, Cameroon, Zambia, Malawi and South Africa, as well as mission needs in Asia and South America.

What does your generosity help with?

It supports our missionaries and, importantly, the formation of young men preparing for the priesthood and religious life. In turn, as these missions grow and are able to support more priests, they can eventually send priests to serve the Church here in England.

Can I make a difference?

Yes! Every gift, however small, helps. By giving, you become part of our missionary work and share in bringing the Gospel to communities around the world. A second collection will be taken for the MSFS Mission Appeal. Donations will be processed through the parish/diocesan accounts in accordance with diocesan procedures.

Can I help in another way?

Absolutely. Your prayers are a precious gift. Please pray for our missionaries and for all those we serve.

For more information, please speak to your priest in the parish or **Fr Benjamin Sunder,** Provincial Bursar of the MSFS English Province:

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A Brief History of the MSFS Congregation

The Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales (MSFS), also known as the Fransalians, were founded by Fr. Peter Mermier in response to the spiritual decline that followed the French Revolution. Inspired by his motto, "I want missions," he dedicated himself to renewing Christian faith through parish missions. In 1838, a small community of missionaries was formally established in France and received canonical approval from Bishop Pierre Joseph Rey under the patronage of St. Francis de Sales.Although Fr. Mermier had hoped to begin missionary work in Africa, the Holy See entrusted the vast Mission of Visakhapatnam in India to the congregation in 1845. Six pioneering missionaries left France and began serving a territory covering much of present-day Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Despite immense challenges, they devoted themselves to evangelisation, education and pastoral care. Many learned local languages and made lasting contributions to the Church and society.

Following Fr. Mermier's death in 1862, the congregation continued to grow. As the Church expanded, the original mission territory was divided into new dioceses, including Nagpur in 1887, while the MSFS spread throughout India and beyond. Today, the congregation includes seven provinces in India, provinces in France-Switzerland, England and Brazil, a Vice-Province in the United States, and missions across Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia and the Americas. Fr. Mermier's long-held dream of serving Africa was realised in 1988 with the opening of a mission in Tanzania, which has since expanded into several African countries.

History of the English Province

The English Province began in 1861 through the generosity of Captain Charles Dewell of Malmesbury, who donated his property to the congregation. Fr. Francis Larive, the first MSFS missionary to England, established the congregation's first mission in Chippenham before founding the community in Malmesbury in 1866. Assisted by fellow missionaries and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Annecy, who established a school, the mission flourished and eventually became a province. Today, the English Province continues the missionary vision of Fr. Peter Mermier. Eighteen MSFS priests serve in the dioceses of Clifton, Northampton, Plymouth, Nottingham and Leeds, faithfully continuing the congregation's charism of preaching missions, evangelisation and service to the Church.

MISSIONARIES OF
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Living the Gospel. Reaching the Unreached.

MISSION APPEAL

WE GO. WE SERVE. WE SHARE.

Your prayers and generosity bring hope, faith and a better future to many in Africa.

1. EDUCATION OF POOR IN AFRICA

We support schools and learning centers that open doors to knowledge, hope and a brighter future.

2. MISSION WORK IN AFRICA

We reach out to remote communities with the Gospel, bringing love, healing and lasting change.

3. FORMATION OF SEMINARIANS

We form and nurture future priests and leaders to serve with faith, compassion and dedication.

Account Name : MISSIONARIES OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES
Account No : 58402810
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"Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation." – Mark 16:15