

Parish of St. Boniface, Okehampton
& Holy Family, Chagford

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2ND WEEK IN CHRISTMASTIDE

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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	31 st December	6.00 pm	Okehampton	THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Sun	1 st January	9.00 am	Chagford	Jean Arnold Jones RIP
		11.00 am	Okehampton	Maria Lourdes RIP
Tue	3 rd January	7.00 pm	Okehampton	Pope Benedict XVI
Wed	4 th January	10.00 am	Okehampton	Elizabeth Varela
Thurs	5 th January	2.00 pm	Chagford	Funeral service John Sheridan St Michael The Archangel
Fri	6 th January	10.00 am	Okehampton	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Sat	7 th January	6.00 pm	Okehampton	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	8 th January	9.00 am	Chagford	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
		11.00 am	Okehampton	

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 5.15 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. or by arrangement.

Father Darline wishes you all a blessed and joyful New Year 2023.

Pope Benedict XVI: Please remember the former Pope Benedict in your prayers as he is in a serious but stable condition. Pope Francis has renewed his invitation for people to pray for Benedict in these difficult hours so God would comfort him to the very end.

Sad News: Jean Arnold Jones sadly passed away on Thursday December 29th in Exeter Hospice. Many of you will know that Jean hasn't been well for a while. She was in the hospice for two weeks and was at peace. She was visited by the priest in Exeter. More details about her funeral will be communicated later. Father Darline wishes to thank those parishioners who were helping Jean in her last few days. May she rest in peace.

John Sheridan: John passed away on 12th December 2022. John's funeral arrangements are as follows, Thursday 5th December 2023 at 11am a service by Father Darline at Exeter Crematorium followed on the same day at 2pm at St Michael The Archangel Chagford by Rev Paul Seaton- Burn and Father Darline. His death was sudden, Father Darline has known John to be a quiet and good man who supported Mary in her faith. He will be missed, sincere condolences to Mary and the family.

Maureen Hartwell: Maureen's funeral is on 17th January 2023 at 1pm at Holy Family Chagford. Maureen was a much-loved parishioner and several of our parishioners including Father Darline visited her in her care home in Exeter. Sincere condolences to the family.

Christmas Draw: Many thanks to everyone who supported this fund-raising event, the final figure raised is £ 430 towards parish funds. Thanks to the "Friends of St Boniface and Holy Family for organising the draw.

Your help is needed within the Parish: It has come to our attention that some of our parishioners are struggling to feed their families. There is a basket in the porch for donation of suitable food items which you think may help at his time of need. We are grateful for your contributions.

Nativity Crib: Please take your children to visit the crib on the altar. All money raised goes to help the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth).

Thank you: Father Darline wishes to thank all the parishioners who prepared the church for our Christmas services. Thanks for the music, flower displays, nativity crib, altar servers and cleaning of the church. Your help is appreciated.

The next CWL meeting : will be on Friday 6th January at 10.30am after 10am Mass in the church hall, all ladies very welcome.

Planned events for St Boniface and Holy Family: (dates may be subject to change)

Parish Lunch has been proposed for Sunday 26th March 2023, more details nearer the time.

Synodal Journey - A conversation about safeguarding: Robert Brown, the Senior Safeguarding Professional employed by the Diocese is hosting an online event "How safe is my Church" and implications arising from the IICSA report. This event will take place on Monday 9th January between 1800 and 19:30 if you wish to attend then please sign up via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synodal-journey-a-conversation-about-safeguarding-tickets-471079791337> so that we can send the Zoom meeting details to you.

The Pope's Intention for January: For educators. We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Prayers: Please pray for: Mary Frain, Jan, Margaret Snell, Mary Sheridan, Jen Cleverdon, Claire Brown, Helen, Ann Durden-Higgins, Doreen Hughes, Derek & Ruth, Pat, Michele Collier, Paul & Diana Selwood Wielink, Alex Joyce, John Keating, Jean & Tilly Rhodes, Anne Brooks, Sheila Rogers, Bob Bell, Molly Rogers, Jean Wood, Janet Vickers, Maureen Frances, Elizabeth Gregory, David Jennings, Kevin Power, Rosemary Hopkins, Reta DeLarge, Justin Aldred, Jamie Shott and Alan Pook.