

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

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Plymouth R.C. Diocese

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7TH WEEK IN O.T./LENT BEGINS
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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	18 th	February	6.00 pm	Okehampton	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	19 th	February	9.00 am	Chagford	George Thachil RIP 11th Anniversary.
			11.00 am	Okehampton	People of the Parish
Tue	21 st	February	7.00 pm	Okehampton	Finance committee meeting after Mass
Wed	22 nd	February	10.00 am	Okehampton	Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast & Abstinence)
			6.00 pm	Chagford	Ash Wednesday
Thurs	23 rd	February	(10.30 am)	No Mass	
Fri	24 th	February	10.00 am	Okehampton	Mass & Stations of the Cross
Sat	25 th	February	6.00 pm	Okehampton	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	26 th	February	9.00 am	Chagford	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
			11.00 am	Okehampton	

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

CAFOD APPEAL FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA: There is a second collection to support the people in Turkey and Syria who have been affected by an earthquake. Baskets at both entrances. Please keep those affected in your prayers.

Devon's Best Churchyard Competition 2023: Amended message. We are making a proposal for our church grounds at St Boniface to be entered for this competition. Please read the CPRE application in the entrance porch where you will note their specific requirements. To make certain that the area around our church is welcoming, tidy and respectful in readiness for the judging we are looking for a team of volunteers to help with the task of keeping the grounds in good condition. The closing date for the competition is 31st March 2023. Please contact Father Darline or Jim Egan for further advice. This issue can only be good for putting our church more in the public domain.

'Follow me' Stations of the Cross: Fr. Darline's Stations of the Cross 'Follow Me' is available at the Porch of both the churches for purchase. It is poetical in style and smaller in size and takes only 20 minutes to pray. The same is available from Amazon in hard copy and eBook formats and the same is available in audio and music formats from Audible and Apple iTunes. You can buy the CD version of the music from Cecilia Lamon.

Marriage Preparation In Plymouth Diocese: We have two courses coming up, the next being on April 29th, May 6th and 13th. After that, it will be July 15th, 22nd and 29th. Please visit the website www.marriagecare.org.uk to find out more information including how to book and pay.

The next PPC meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 28th February at 7.30pm** in the church hall. Please make every effort to attend. **Finance Committee Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm.**

"Walking the Stranger Road": Michal Brandstatter, parishioner, and Stephen Cook, Anglican Rector of Okehampton, have compiled and published a book of forty reflections and photographs - perfect for Lent! It is entitled 'Walking The Stranger Road' and if you would like more information or to buy a copy, please contact Michal on mikhal2@gmail.com, Steve on 07790 909442 or find it on Amazon.

Please be aware: Bill and Olive Hennessey have had their email account hacked again. Please ignore any suspicious messages you may receive from them.

Church Cleaning: The new rota for this year is available on the notice board, please sign up if you are able to help to do a monthly clean.

Okehampton Street Pastors: Please see the notice in the porch if you are interested in joining the team, they need more people to help once a month.

Vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth: We have a vacancy for a part time Deanery Bookkeeper post home based in Exeter that we have been asked to advertise in our churches utilising newsletters and noticeboards.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Early reminder **Friday 3rd March 2023.** Envelopes for your donations are available in the porch.

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

The Pope's Intention for February: For parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Prayers: Please pray for: Joan Childs, Hugh Wallace, Jenny Kennedy, 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.