

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

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HOLY WEEK

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**Times of Masses & Services**

Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	6.00 pm	Okehampton	<b>Divine Mercy 5.00pm.</b> First Mass of Sunday 6.00pm
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	April	9.00 am	Chagford	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
			11.00 am	Okehampton	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	April		Okehampton	<b>Reconciliation Service at 5.00pm</b>
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	April	No Mass		CHRISM MASS AT CATHEDRAL
Thurs	6 <sup>th</sup>	April	<b>7.00pm</b>	Okehampton	MAUNDY THURSDAY. EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	April	<b>3.00pm</b>	Okehampton	GOOD FRIDAY (Fast&Abstinence) CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	April	<b>8.30pm</b>	Okehampton	<b>THE EASTER VIGIL</b>
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	April	9.00 am	Chagford	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
			11.00 am	Okehampton	

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

**Easter duties Reconciliation Service:** This has been planned for **Tuesday April 4th at 5.00pm.** Canon John Deeny, Vicar General and Father Darline will be available to hear confessions.

**CTO Walk of Witness:** Good Friday 5th April A walk starting from St Boniface at 9.30am to St James chapel for a service, then onto the Red Lion Yard for a short address and final hymn. Details on the poster in the porch.

**Arrangements for Joan Childs Funeral:** The Requiem Mass for Joan will be held at 2.00pm on Friday 21st April at St Boniface Church Okehampton followed by a burial at St Mary's Parish Church grounds Exbourne at 3.30pm.

**CWL Easter Clean of the church:** Please note that the date has been changed for the cleaning of the church it is now **Monday April 3rd at 10.30am**, any help is greatly appreciated.

**Parish Lunch:** Many thanks to Pam Pemberton, the chair of The Friends, for organising this enjoyable event and thanks to everyone who supported it. The raffle made £113 towards the parish funds.

**Easter Flowers:** If you would like to contribute there are baskets at both entrances. Thank you.

**Boot Fair in St Boniface Car Park:** This initiative will recommence on **15th April** to 16th September on the 3rd Saturday of each month. £8 a pitch, keep a look out on our Face Book page, notice board and website for more details. Volunteers are needed to help, contact Pam Pemberton.

**Diocesan Education Service:** Have sent the Easter newsletter and help with holiday support for children, it will be attached to the bulletin via email. If you require a hard copy, please contact Father Darline.

**WELCOME THE STRANGER – OUR RESPONSE TO REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS:** The Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) and Caritas Plymouth are profoundly concerned about the Government's Illegal Migration Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 7 March 2023. This Bill, if passed, will not only deny those people fleeing war and persecution their right to seek safety in the UK and apply for asylum, but will punish them, based on how they came here, not whether they need protection. This would amount to an asylum ban. The Bill would remove the right to seek refugee protection in the UK for those who arrive irregularly; breach the UN Refugee Convention, of which the UK is a founding signatory; fail to provide the safe routes we need now; leave thousands of men, women, and children in limbo, detained, and denied a fair hearing.

We would like to invite you to share Love the Stranger with your parish and encourage people to support Bishop Terrence Draney's call on the Catholic community to write to their MPs, asking them to protect rather than punish refugees and create an effective asylum system which is just and compassionate. CSAN have produced a template letter to MPs and further guidance which can be found on their website <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/csan-statementon-the-illegal-migration-bill/>

**The Pope's Intention for April:** For a culture of peace and non violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

**Prayers:** Please pray for: Eve Harris, Margaret & Jorn Buhl Nielson, 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.