

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

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33rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A1

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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	18th November	6.00 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish
Sun	19th November	9.00 am	Chagford	33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		11.00 am	Okehampton	Thanksgiving by Bindu Augustine & Family
Tue	21 st November	7.00 pm	Okehampton	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed	22 nd November	10.00 am	Okehampton	St Cecilia
Thurs	23 rd November	10.30 am	Chagford	NO MASS
Fri	24 th November	10.00 am	Okehampton	St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
Sat	25th November	6.00 pm	Okehampton	Special Intention by Bincy Jibu & Family
Sun	26th November	9.00 am	Chagford	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
		11.00 am	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish

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

The Pope's Intention for November: We pray for the Holy Father as he fulfils his mission. May he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Children's Liturgy: I am happy to restart Children's Liturgy at 11 a.m. Mass from **1st Sunday of Advent**. Angie will take on the responsibility of running it. So, I request all the parents to encourage their children every Sunday.

Every First Saturday of the Month: Rosary will start at **9.00 am** followed by half an hour of **Adoration**, and Mass in honour of BVM. There will be a **recitation of Divine Mercy Rosary** at 9.40 **every Friday** before the 10.00 am Mass.

Gardener needed for Holy Family: We are looking for a gardener to take on the work at Holy Family Church if you know of a local gardener who may be interested in taking on this job? Could you please make some enquiries with them about their availability and terms before speaking to Fr. Anil?

Christmas Hamper: There is a collection box in the porch of each church for donations of food and drink for the Christmas hamper draw. Bottles are always welcome, but we also need biscuits, jam, chutney, tea, coffee, chocolate, Christmas cake, pudding, and other festive fare so please bring what you can. The Christmas draw is an important fundraiser for our churches, especially as we no longer have an autumn fair, so please be as generous as you can.

Instead of buying draw tickets for the hamper we are going to revert to the system we had during Covid lockdown whereby you place £5 in an envelope labelled **CHRISTMAS DRAW** with your **name clearly written** and place in the basket in the porch or through the presbytery letterbox. You can use as many envelopes as you wish. Thank you for your generosity.

Thursday Mass at Chagford: I suggest that, given the small number of attendees, Mass in Chagford can be on the **First Thursday of every month** for a while to see how that goes. You are welcome to share your thoughts on this.

Toys for Children: We have reached the time of the year to collect toys for children with life-limited illnesses at Children's Hospice Southwest. Non-inflammable, non-battery powered toys aged and sexed i.e., " boy 4 / 8 years old, girl aged 6 / 10 years old. Toys are neatly wrapped and left in the church porch. Only new toys, please. Closing date 10th December. We trust you will be as generous as before for this very deserving cause.

CWL Cake Sale: This will take place after the 11 am Mass on **Sunday 3rd December**, coffee will be served as usual, and the repository will be open. Please support.

Benediction: On **Sunday 10th December at 6 pm** at St Boniface. This will be followed with mince pies and mulled wine in the church hall courtesy of the CWL.

Safeguarding Sunday: Sunday 19th November is Safeguarding Sunday. Let us join other churches across the UK to highlight the importance of protecting children, young people, and adults at risk. Ann Radnor is our safeguarding rep for St Boniface. We are still looking for a parishioner to take on this role at Holy Family in Chagford. Please speak to Fr. Anil if you are interested.

Future Events: Dates for your diary:

Sacrament of Confirmation: Soon to schedule a Preparatory Course for the children & adults. Please contact Patric & Angie.

PPC Meeting: I plan to schedule a PPC Meeting on the 28th of November at 7.30 p.m. So, may I ask you to send the points for the agenda, if you have any, to the parish priest or the PPC Chair, Pamela Pemberton at the earliest?

Prayers: Please pray for: Patricia Almond, Cecilia Brunton, 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, 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, Alan Pook and David Rhodes.