

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

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3rd December 2023
FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT
Year B

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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	2nd December	09.00 am	Holy Rosary & Adoration	
		10.00 am	Okehampton	Memoria of BVM
		06.00 pm	Okehampton	People of the Parish
Sun	3rd December	09.00 am	Chagford	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		11.00 am	Okehampton	Hugh Wallace's Intentions
Tue	5 th December	07.00 pm	Okehampton	
Wed	6 th December	10.00 am	Okehampton	St Nicholas
Thurs	7 th December	10.30 am	Chagford	St Ambrose
Fri	8 th December	09.40 am	Divine Mercy Rosary	
		10.00 am	Okehampton	
Sat	9th December	06.00 pm	Okehampton	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	10th December	09.00 am	Chagford	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		11.00 am	Okehampton	
		6.00 pm	Okehampton	Benediction

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

The Pope's Intention for December: For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Children's Liturgy: I am happy to restart Children's Liturgy at 11 a.m. Mass from the **1st Sunday of Advent (3rd December)**. Angie will take on the responsibility of running it. So, I request all parents to encourage their children every Sunday.

Christmas Hamper: Thank you very much for your generous donations for the Christmas Hampers. We have two lovely hampers and the winners of each will be drawn **on Sunday 17th December - one draw after 9 am Mass in Holy Family and the other after 11 am Mass in St Boniface**. Each entry is £5 in an envelope with your name on the top of the sealed envelope. Entries should be placed in the basket in each church or given to Father Anil. This is an important fundraiser to help keep our churches going, so please encourage friends and family to buy entries.

Working Party: We have scheduled another **Working Party on Saturday the 9th of December**, if weather permitting, to clear all the leaves, especially around the boundaries in preparation for Christmas. Next Wednesday by which time we'll have a weather forecast, shall we say that the working party will meet from 10:30 to 12 noon? Please bring useful tools. Afterwards, we'll be serving coffee and cake in the church hall. We appreciate your help, and the more people we have, the easier the task will be.

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.

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.

Thursday Mass at Chagford: 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.

MISSIO: Calendars for 2024 are in the porches of both churches.

Caritas: Have sent information re: cost of living crisis and homelessness, please find it on the notice board in the porch.

Caritas Diocese of Plymouth – Homelessness – How are we called to respond? Online event 6-7 pm Wednesday 17 January 2024. All are welcome. Please register to receive the Zoom invitation <https://forms.office.com/e/VVp5t5qU7F>

Future Events: Dates for your diary:

Sacrament of Confirmation: Soon to schedule a Preparatory Course for the children & adults. Please get in touch with Patrick & Angie.

Inspire: Saturday, **March 2nd, 2024**, at Schiller Hall, **Buckfast Abbey**, 11.30 – 18.00. Open to those aged 13-25. Tickets: £25 Booking form: <https://forms.office.com/e/SLhtRkyqDZ> Join fellow Christians across the diocese to enjoy inspiring talks by speakers including Daniella Stephens and listen to the sounds from One Hope Project, Sounds from Jozzy, Falmouth Vineyard and Crossbeam. For further information contact: Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Prayers: Please pray for: Peter Moy, Patricia Almond, Cecilia Brunton, Eve Harris, 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.

Please email the Parish Priest with names to be included in the prayer list, if think of any.