

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

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Plymouth R.C. Diocese

Reg. Charity No. 213227

21st January 2024

3RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	20 th January	10.00 am	Okehampton	Mass For Legion Office Bearers (Memoria of BVM)
		6.00 pm	Okehampton	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	21 st January	9.00 am	Chagford	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		11.00 am	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish
Tue	23 rd January	7.00 pm	Okehampton	
Wed	24 th January	10.00 am	Okehampton	St Francis de Sales
Thu	25 th January	11.00 am	Chagford	Funeral Mass (Mrs Connie Kelling)
Fri	26 th January	9.40 am		Divine Mercy Rosary
		10.00 am	Okehampton	St Timothy and St Titus
Sat	27 th January	6.00 pm	Okehampton	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	28 th January	9.00 am	Chagford	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		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 January: For the gift of diversity in the Church: Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation: The first session for a Preparatory Course for the children & adults will take place on **23rd January at 7 pm in the parish hall.** Please get in touch with Patrick & Angie.

Vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth: There is a vacancy for an Assistant to the Diocesan Care Officer post based at St. Boniface House, Ashburton or at a Plymouth location. Please see the attached file or notice board in the church porch for more details.

Caritas January Newsletter: Here is the link to the January edition of the Caritas Diocese of Plymouth newsletter, with news of love in action and upcoming events around our diocese <http://tinyurl.com/63dd48fj>

LENT RETREAT DAY: "A Campaign of Christian Service..." led by Fr. Jacek Kostuch on Saturday 2nd March 2024 at St Rita's Centre. The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30 am. The charge for the day, including lunch (3-course meal), is just £25.00. A poster and an application form are attached. Booking can be made by phone, email or online (www.stritascentre.org/events) Payment can be made on the day.

Feast of St Bakhita Modern Slavery Event Thursday 8th February 10.30-12.30 Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Abbey Road, Torquay: Modern slavery is a serious crime being committed across the UK in which victims are exploited for someone else's gain. It can take many forms including trafficking of people, forced labour and servitude. Victims are often hidden away, may be unable to leave their situation, or may not come forward because of fear or shame. This 2-hour event will hear from a range of speakers about modern slavery in our Diocese and how we are called to respond. There will be practical advice about what to look out for and what we can do if we have concerns. The event will take place on the Feast of St Bakhita, patron of victims of modern slavery, on Thursday 8th February from 10.30-12.30 at the Church of the Assumption of Our Lady parish rooms in Abbey Road, Torquay TQ2 5NJ and will be followed by a free light lunch. Please use the QR code, email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or call 01364 645425 to register so we can plan catering.

An invitation to survivors: We held our first survivor group meetings in November, which were an opportunity for anyone with lived experience of abuse to share their thoughts and ideas about survivor support work in our diocese. We are very grateful to all those who generously gave their time to attend these meetings. The diocese would welcome the opportunity to hear from others who have a lived experience of abuse so that we can involve them in the work we are doing to support survivors. If you would like to help us with this work, or you would like to find out more, please contact: Sophie Scagell (Survivor Support Caseworker) at 01364 645436 / sophie.scagell@prcdtr.org.uk

Future Events: Dates for your diary:

Quiz Night: Friday 23rd February 7:30 pm St. Boniface Church Hall. The Friends of St. Boniface & Holy Family are once again organising this popular pre-Covid evening. Teams of 4 are invited to book for this event at which Chilli Con Carne (vegetarian option available) and a dessert will be served @ £15.00 per person. Contact Pam Pemberton on 07917 054625 to book a table or email pam.pemberton@icloud.com

Prayers: Please pray for: Peter Moy, Patricia Almond, Cecilia Brunton, Jorn Buhl Nielson, Jenny Kennedy, Mary Frain, Jan, Margaret Snell, Mary Sheridan, Jen Cleverdon, Claire Brown, Helen, Ann Durden-Higgins, Doreen Hughes, Pat, Michele Collier, Paul & Diana Selwood Wielink, Alex Joyce, John Keating, Tilly Rhodes, Anne Brooks, Sheila Rogers, 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.