

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

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Plymouth R.C. Diocese
Reg. Charity No. 213227

7th January 2024

2ND WEEK IN CHRISTMASTIDE

1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME from 9th Jan

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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	6 th January	9.00 am	Okehampton	Rosary, Adoration, Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
		6.00 pm	Okehampton	VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Sun	7 th January	9.00 am	Chagford	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
		11.00 am	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish
Tue	9 th January	7.00 pm	Okehampton	
Wed	10 th January	10.00 am	Okehampton	
Fri	12 th January	9.40 am		Divine Mercy Rosary
		10.00 am	Okehampton	St Aelred of Rievaulx
Sat	13 th January	6.00 pm	Okehampton	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	14 th January	9.00 am	Chagford	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		11.00 am	Okehampton	

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.

Date to Remember: our Bishop-elect Christopher Whitehead will be ordained the tenth Bishop of Plymouth on **February 22nd, 2024, in Plymouth Cathedral at noon.** Further details will be published once they have been finalised. Please let us keep Bishop-elect Christopher in our prayers.

Sign-ups: I am still dismayed at the lack of volunteers to take on different responsibilities despite my appeals on the bulletin. The Parish needs your help. Please be generous to offer your time for the church activities. God will bless you and your family more. Please see the lists in the porch and sign up if you can help with altar flowers, readers of the word, church cleaning and gardening and tidying the church yard.

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

Parish Lunch: Fr Anil's Formal Welcome Lunch is on **Sunday 21st January from 12:30 pm at The New Inn, Samford Courtenay.** Details are in the porches of both churches along with the menu and have also been emailed to parishioners. The New Inn has been chosen again because of its flexible and accommodating approach. They do not insist on 2 courses being ordered - you can order as few or as many courses as you wish. As on previous occasions, it is important that you contact Pam Pemberton at -07917054625 ASAP to make your reservation, menu choice and payment.

Words of Appreciation: I thank James Whitehead and family for their generous help in setting the crib up at St Boniface.

Nativity Crib: May I request that you visit our crib on the altar? All donations are sent to Plymouth Catholic Children's Society to help them support families in our diocese who need their support. Thank you for your generosity.

Gather 2024: The annual GATHER Conference unites people from across the Diocese of Plymouth and further afield for a weekend of faith, formation, and friendship. This year, once again, we will gather at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay from Friday 23 February – Sunday 25 February. Speakers include Avril Baigent from the Diocese of Northampton, artist Colin Bentley, Sr Mary Magdalen from the Sisters of Mary, Morning Star, Lynton, and David Wells. Jo Boyce, from CJM Music will be leading the liturgies. Join us for the whole weekend or come as a day delegate. To book use the QR code on the poster and flyer or this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FvkAtifpACGwz3CvLBQG0VR59brlyHxY08DvB6YVivM/edit> We look forward to seeing you there.

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.