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17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 FIFTH WEEK OF LENT Year B

Times of	Masses	& Services			
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	March	6.00 pm	Okehampton	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	March	9.00 am	Chagford	Richard & Jean Arnold-Jones (RIP)
			11.00 am	Okehampton	Jane Perry (RIP)
Tue	$19^{th}$	March	7.00 pm	Okehampton	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wed	$20^{th}$	March	10.00 am	Okehampton	
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	March	10.00 am	Okehampton	
			10.30 am		Stations of the Cross
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	March	6.00 pm	Okehampton	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	<b>24</b> <sup>th</sup>	March	9.00 am	Chagford	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
			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 March: For new martyrs: Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Lenten Lunch by CWL: We will be holding a Lenten Lunch after **11 am Mass on Sunday 17th March** in the hall. Homemade soup and roll, cost is £3 and there will be a raffle and proceeds will go to the Food Bank. Please support us if you are able.

<u>Church cleaning for Easter</u>: The CWL will be cleaning the church for Easter on Monday 25th March at 10.30. Any extra volunteers are most welcome to join them.

Lenten Penitential Service: It is scheduled to take place on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March between 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

**Easter Competitions by CWL:** This year CWL are having some Easter competitions. For children two competitions **1. an Easter Garden and 2. an Easter Bonnet.** For adults an Easter Bonnet. Entry forms are available on the porch and judging will take place after the 11 am Mass at St Boniface on **Sunday, April 7th**.

**Easter Raffle - RHS Rosemoor Great Torrington:** Jim and Jayne Egan have generously given a ticket allowing 6 people with a lunch allowance of £10 per person to visit Rosemoor. This is the top prize for our Easter Raffle. The tickets can be used whenever you wish, but June/July or August is recommended. As before we will use envelopes for your £5 entry with your name and phone number on the front. You can have as many entries as you wish. The envelopes will be available at all Masses this weekend until Good Friday. Baskets for returning your labelled envelopes will be available at all entrances. Please be as generous as you can as all money goes towards the much-needed church funds. The draw will take place following Mass on Easter Sunday.

Easter Flowers: There are baskets at both entrances for donations towards the church flowers at Easter.

<u>Caritas March Newsletter</u>: Please click the link to read the March edition of the Caritas Diocese of Plymouth newsletter, with news of love in action and upcoming events around our diocese <u>https://tinyurl.com/2s3nevuz</u> If you would like a printed version of the newsletter, please contact <u>caritas@prcdtr.org.uk</u>

<u>Caritas Upcoming events</u>: Weds 20 March: Care for Creation Evening of Reflection at St Catherine's Wimborne. Register here <u>https://forms.office.com/e/XtkJe1eeGq</u>. Sat 20 April: An Ageing Society – How can we respond? A partnership event with SVP. St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston 10.30-15.30 Lunch Included. Register here <u>https://forms.office.com/e/nQz1k67Ta9</u>

<u>Well-being:</u> You can find out more about Marie by looking at her website - <u>www.mariemills.com</u> and you can contact her via email- <u>mail@mariemills.com...or</u> text at 07805440901.

<u>Mission Red Box Appeal</u>: Our parish is seeking a new secretary to take on the organisation of the Red Missio boxes. Please speak to Fr. Anil if you would like to help with this vital fundraising effort. "Missio" carry out much-needed aid throughout the world and can only continue with their good work through the generosity of our donations. If the Red Box is not a convenient way of donating for you, direct debit to "Missio" can be set up with your bank for any amount you feel you can give monthly, quarterly, twice yearly or annually. Please see the form on the notice board or contact "Missio" directly. <u>Info@missio.org.uk</u> The latest copies of the "Mission Today" Spring 2024 are now available in the porch for you to take home.

<u>The Next Youth Event</u>: This year's Youth Adventure weekend will be **at Grangehurst**, **Buckfast Abbey**,  $24^{th} - 26^{th}$  May. This year's theme is 'I am with you' Mt 18:20. In between activities and games, young people will have the chance to explore the scripture and consider ways to communicate with God. This weekend of aimed at 10 - 13-year-olds. Cost £100. To book:

https://forms.office.com/e/DkVzq6hTJB Further questions please contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

**<u>Retiring Collection:</u>** for Holy see on Good Friday this is a Mandatory collection for Holy Places of Palestine.

Please be aware: that British Summer time begins, and the clocks go forward by one hour on 31st March Easter Sunday.

**Prayers:** Please pray for: Jerome Twomey, Norma Hynes, 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.