

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

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24TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Year B2

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	14th September	6.00 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish
Sun	15th September	9.00 am	Chagford	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (EVANGELII GAUDIUM DAY)
		11.00 am	Okehampton	
Tue	17 th September	7.00 pm	Okehampton	
Wed	18 th September	10.00 am	Okehampton	
Fri	20 th September	10.00 am	Okehampton	St Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Paul Chang Ha-sang and Companions
Sat	21st September	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	22nd September	11.15 am	Okehampton	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		5.30 pm	Okehampton	

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

The Pope's Intention for September: For the Cry of the Earth. Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

Road closure in Okehampton: for the Civic Procession on Sunday 22nd Sept 10 am to 12.30 pm please allow extra time to get to Mass in Station Road on this day. I believe that the procession leaves the town hall, and heads up via Fore Street, East Street, Mill Road on the way to Fairplace. Returning to Fore Street via George Street.

New Mass Timings: The diocese has approved introducing upcoming changes in mass timings at Okehampton, Chagford and Tavistock, starting from the fourth weekend in September (21st/22nd September). Here are the suggested new mass timings:

Weekend Masses: Saturday (Sunday Mass): 5:30 pm at Chagford **Holy Days: 10.00 am at Okehampton**
Sunday: 09:00 am at Tavistock **11.45 am at Tavistock**
11:15 am at Okehampton **06.00 pm at Chagford**
05:30 pm at Okehampton

Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 7:00 pm Okehampton
Wednesday: 10:00 am Okehampton
Thursday: 10:30 am Chagford
Friday: 9:25 am Adoration followed by Mas at Tavistock (subject to change when the Prison reopens)
1st Saturday of the month: 10:00 am Okehampton

Retiring collection for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: Baskets will be available for this mandatory collection at both entrances over the next two weekends.

For your information: Due to some antisocial behaviour around our Mother Mary Grotto, I have taken the decision to keep the church door locked in the time being unless there is a service. If you need access to the church, please ring or email me. I'm sorry for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Support for Victims of Abuse: The Diocesan Safeguarding Office provides advice and support to all victims of abuse, regardless of whether this is something that is happening currently or that happened in the past. We work with anyone who has been abused, both those who were abused within the church, as well as those who have been abused in other settings. We are here to help you whether you were a child or an adult when the abuse took place. We are not here to blame, judge or make excuses for the abuser, but we are here to help all those who have experienced abuse or are still in an abusive situation, in any way we can. The Safeguarding Office can provide you with support, advice, and signposting to relevant organisations. Our dedicated team of safeguarding professionals works closely with other agencies both locally and nationally including the Police, Probation, Social Services, and to standards that are set out by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. Please contact us for a confidential conversation. You can call us on 01364 645430 (Monday to Friday from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm) or e-mail us at safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk. Our Parish representatives are Ann Radnor at St Boniface and Justine Frain at The Holy Family Chagford.

Parish BBQ: is scheduled to take place in the church grounds on September 15th after 11 am mass at St Boniface. All donations go towards our church funds. We are looking for parishioners to bring salads or desserts as a contribution. All are very welcome to this event to make it a great success. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help so far.

Songs of Praise at St Boniface: Saturday, September 28th at 4 pm, followed by a lovely tea and raffle in the Hall. Requests for hymns by September 1st. The first ten will be on the programme. The rest will be saved till the next Songs of Praise. Requests to Christine after August 31st, please.

'Morning Prayer' (Every Wednesday Morning via Zoom): A small group of us meet at 8.00 am to say the Morning Prayer of the Church via Zoom. This avoids travel to one of the churches, important before a working day, etc You would be very welcome to join us. Contact Rob Ellis, Nicolette Tibbles or Peter Stutt.

Missio Red Boxes: You will recall from previous newsletters that I was looking for a parishioner to take over the organisation of the Missio Red Boxes, unfortunately no one has stepped forward. There are two options that you may consider taking to support the charity. You may empty your box by peeling off the white sticker on the base of the box, count the contents and send a cheque directly to Missio, details on the notice board or you can empty your box and place the money in the retiring collection for Missio on 19th October this year. Thank you for your understanding.

ART EXHIBITION AND OPEN STUDIO: Clarissa Galliano invites you to visit her studio and gallery in Winkleigh for the Devon Open Studios 2024. Her doors will be open every day from 7th to 22nd September, except Tuesdays. Most days, the opening times are from 2-5 pm, but please refer to her profile in the Devon Open Studios brochure for additional times. Clarissa moved to the parish 18 months ago and is eager to connect with more parishioners - this could be one way to do so! For any inquiries, please call her at 07761 967 220.

Prayers: Please pray for: Jerome Twomey, Norma Hynes, Peter Moy, Patricia Almond, Cecilia Brunton, 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.