

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

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29TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Year B2

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	19 th	October	5.30 pm	Chagford	For the People of the Parish
Sun	20 th	October	11.15 am	Okehampton	Alfred Sequeria (RIP)
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	Ces Mills (RIP)
Tue	22 nd	October	7.00 pm	Okehampton	St John Paul II, Pope
Wed	23 rd	October	10.00 am	Okehampton	
Sat	26 th	October	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	27 th	October	11.15 am	Okehampton	30 TH Sunday in Ordinary Time (For the people of the Parish)
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope's Intention for October: For a shared mission. Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

Card Donations to our Parish Funds: A reminder that we now have a card machine for card payments if you prefer to donate by card in place of cash or bank transactions. The machine is situated at St Boniface Church by Our Lady's statue. The machine is only set up for donations to our parish funds and not retiring collections.

World Mission Sunday 20th October Retiring Collection: Contents of your red collection boxes can be donated this weekend as we no longer have a volunteer to manage the boxes. Envelopes and baskets are available for donations at all entrances.

Christmas Craft Fair, Sunday 24 November, before Mass 10.30-11 am and afterwards 12.15 – 1 pm: Many thanks to all who have already signed up on the list in the porch and offered their help in some way, it is much appreciated. It's not too late to add your name and how YOU can help, so please don't be shy! Next week (27th October) we will start collecting RAFFLE PRIZES and there will be a box in the porch for you to leave them in. Thank you for your support. Karen kgutans@gmail.com / 01363 82266 / text 07958334930.

Christmas draw: A few parishioners have been enquiring about the parish Christmas draw. Watch this space for more details as we approach the festive season. Lists for draw items will be available soon. The draw will take on last year's idea of £5 in an envelope, with your details, or as many envelopes as you wish to enter.

A reminder that British Summer time ends on October 27th, and clocks go back one hour.

Assisted Suicide Bill Resources: The CBCEW website has been updated with a raft of resources for your people to be informed regarding the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. This link will take you to the relevant page on the website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> Please see the information at all entrances.

Friday 18th October is Anti-Slavery Day: Modern Slavery is not just a distant problem: it is happening right on our doorstep. Hidden in plain sight, from forced labour in local businesses to domestic servitude in ordinary homes, thousands of people are trapped in exploitation across our communities. We must recognise the signs and work together to eradicate this heinous crime. Prevention of modern slavery and recognizing the signs of the potential for exploitation within the community in which we live are critical. Raising awareness of Modern Slavery and the many forms it takes is the first step toward ending this injustice. Caritas Diocese of Plymouth is working with local partners to raise awareness and help signpost people in difficulty to organisations which may be able to help and advise them. If you wish to find out more, please contact caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Support for Pensioners on Low Incomes: An estimated 880,000 low-income pensioner households eligible for pension credit currently fail to claim it and a deadline is approaching. The government says it is worth an average of £3,900 a year, but it is also a gateway to other financial support such as winter fuel payments. If you know a pensioner on a low income, please encourage them to check if they could be eligible for pension credit. This can be done online through www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator or people can get advice via phone on weekdays - 0800 99 1234. There is a leaflet with more details and advice at the back of the Church or you can get a copy by emailing caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or calling 01364 645421. Please find a link here to a special edition diocesan newsletter, which includes important information about Bishop Philip Moger's installation. Please use this link: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-7B291EAF23BD8E0F2540EF23F30FEDED>.

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth): are looking for new members to join their 50:50 club – Helping Hands.

Half of the money raised by subscriptions each month is retained by CCSP, and the other half is returned to members as prize money. For example, if we had £200 in subscriptions each month, £100 would be used to help a child in need, and the other half would be distributed as prize money, e.g. £50 for the 1st prize, £30 for the 3rd, and £20 for the 3rd. It costs £12 a year for one entry into all 12 monthly draws and you can enter each draw more than once so £24 for 2 numbers, £36 for three and so on. Please approach the parish office to request an application form.

Prayers: 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.