

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

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Plymouth R.C. Diocese

Reg. Charity No. 213227

17th November 2024

33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B2

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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	16 th	November	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For the People of the Parish
Sun	17 th	November	11.15 am	Okehampton	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Liz & Michael Tobin
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	Deceased Members
Tue	19 th	November	7.00 pm	Okehampton	No Mass
Wed	20 th	November	10.00 am	Okehampton	
Sat	23 rd	November	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For the People of the Parish
Sun	24 th	November	11.15 am	Okehampton	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	The Deceased Members of The O’Sullivan Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope’s Intention for November: For those who have lost a child. Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

New Missal: If you would like to order a new Missal that aligns with the Lectionary being introduced this Advent, please note that Nicolette Tibbles, our repository coordinator, will be placing an order very soon. The official price for the new Missal, which will be available at the end of November, is £18.99; however, the repository is offering it at a reduced price of £15. If you would like to order one, please sign your name on the poster in the porch. The new Missal includes the updated wording from the new Lectionary.

First HOLY COMMUNION Meeting: Calling all parents and children who would like to make their **First Holy Communion in 2025 to a meeting straight after the 11.15 am Sunday Mass on the 17th of November 2024 in the church hall.** Patrick and Angie have forms to give you of dates and other information. Lessons will start in January, but the forms and information required will need to be back before the 1st lesson. If you are interested but unable to attend this meeting, please speak to the Parish Priest.

NEXT SUNDAY! Christmas Craft Fair, 24 November, before Mass 10.30-11 am and afterwards 12.15 – 1 pm. Raffle prizes, craft items or Christmas decorations can be left in the Raffle Box in the porch or brought in next Sunday morning before 10.30 am, please. Please bring cakes in on Sunday morning and take them straight to the hall as well. The Craft Fair will be open from 10.30-11 am before Mass for shopping and to buy raffle tickets and then again after Mass at approx. 12.15 pm for more shopping, refreshments, cakes and raffle. If you are able to help set up the hall or wish to have a stall, then please could you message me to sort the details? Thank you all for your support, please come along next Sunday, bring your families and friends and let’s raise as much as we can for our Church. Karen kgutans@gmail.com / 01363 82266 / text 07958334930.

Christmas Hamper: There is now a collection box in the porch of each church for donations of food and drink for the Christmas hamper draw. We will collect your donations over the next few weeks. Bottles are always welcome, but we also need biscuits, jam, chutney, tea, coffee, chocolate, Christmas cake, pudding and other festive fare. So, please bring what you can, there is a list to sign up at all entrances. The Christmas draw is an important fundraiser for our churches, especially as we no longer have an autumn fair, so please be as generous as you can. Each entry will be £5 in an envelope, you may enter as many envelopes as you wish. Please place your name and contact number on the outside of the envelope. Thank you and good luck.

Safeguarding Sunday is on Sunday 17th November: The theme and focus for this year’s Safeguarding Sunday is, ‘Let’s talk about it’. It is a time to have open and honest conversations about what we have got wrong and what we are getting right. It’s an opportunity to talk about how we can work together to prevent abuse and create a world where every child and adult can feel and be safe. There will be an ecumenical service held on Monday 25th November at 2 pm, at St Mary’s Church in Plympton (Market Road, Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 1QW). The service is being held to mark the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence (25th November – 10th December), which is a campaign for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. Fr Mark Skelton and Rev Lizzi Green will lead the service. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

ADVENT RETREAT DAY ON SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 2024 AT ST RITA’S CENTRE “JESUS IS COMING: WHY?” led by Fr. Jonathan Bielawski. The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30 am. The talk will start at 10.00 am. Post-talk questions – reflections will be at 11.05 am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) will be at 12.00 pm. Lunch will be served at 1 pm. Holy Mass at 2.45 pm. Depart at 3.30 pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00. Attached are a poster and an application form. Booking can be made by phone, email, or online ([ADVENT RETREAT DAY - “JESUS IS COMING: WHY?”](#)). Payment can be made on the day.

Monday 25th November – ‘Lament and Light’ ecumenical service for the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence: An ecumenical service will be held on Monday 25th November **at 3 pm**, at St Mary’s Church in Plympton (Market Road, Plympton, Plymouth, PL7 1QW). The service is being held to mark the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence (25th November – 10th December), which is a campaign for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. Fr Mark Skelton and Rev Lizzi Green will lead the service. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

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, Elizabeth Gregory, David Jennings, Kevin Power, Rosemary Hopkins, Reta DeLorge, Justin Aldred, Jamie Shott, Alan Pook and David Rhodes.