

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

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1st December 2024
FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT
Year C

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	30 th	November	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	1 st	December	11.15 am	Okehampton	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- Deceased Members of The Kennedy Family For All the Deceased members
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	
Tue	3 rd	December	7.00 pm	Okehampton	St Francis Xavier, Pr
Wed	4 th	December	10.00 am	Okehampton	Private Intention
Thurs	5 th	December	10.30 am	Chagford	Private Intention
Sat	7 th	December	9.00 am	Okehampton	Adoration & Rosary
			10.00 am	Okehampton	Mass, St. Ambrose, BP Dr
			5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	8 th	December	11.15 am	Okehampton	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	For The People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope's Intention for December: For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Christmas Mass times: Advent Penitential service will be on Tuesday 17th Dec 5 pm – 6.30 pm at St Boniface. Youth/Family Mass at St Boniface will be at 4 pm on 24th December; Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass at St Boniface will be at 10.30 pm and on Christmas Day 25th December: Mass at St Boniface will be at 11.15 am and The Holy Family Church, Chagford will be at 5.00 pm.

Christmas Craft Fair: A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped and supported our Christmas Craft Fair last Sunday. Despite the extreme weather conditions and lower attendance at Mass, we raised over £350 for the church funds, which is fantastic! We truly appreciate all those who dedicated their time to make a significant impact on our church. Next October 2025, the event will take place in a larger church hall in Okehampton to better serve our parishioners and the wider community. Thank you, Karen Gutans.

Christmas Hamper Draw: Christmas hamper raffle - Thank you to everyone who donated items to the Christmas hamper appeal. We now have two large hampers and two smaller hampers as second prizes. The draw in Holy Family on Saturday 14th December will be from the envelope entries there and prizes will be for a large hamper with a smaller one as the second prize. The draw on Sunday 15th December in St Boniface will be from the envelope entries in that church and will also be for a large hamper with a smaller one as the second prize. Each entry is £5 in an envelope with the entrant's name and contact number written on the outside. Please be as generous as you can. Draw entries can still be donated on the day of the draw before Mass.

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.

Dementia awareness: Caritas are hosting an hour-long Zoom online session on Tuesday 3rd December at 11.30 am for dementia awareness and how we can be welcoming and accommodating to those who are living with this disease. This may be useful to eucharistic ministers, Deacons, parish volunteers etc, the PPC and Clergy but not the wider public. We would be grateful if you could forward this invitation to your parish safeguarding representatives. <https://prcdtr-org-uk.zoom.us/j/82590571902?pwd=MaWf5N5xaifaz9wR93zV7ebLI07uJ7.1>

Stay Awake, 5th April 2025 - a day conference for all the family (Mass, Children's streams, Praise and Worship, Speakers, Workshops and pizza!). Venue: All Saints School in Weymouth. More details later! ALL WELCOME! Please save the date!

PUTTING ALL CHILDREN FIRST – ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME: Please take time to visit our nativity over the Christmas period. The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) as it works across the Diocese spreading God's love and giving families hope in times of crisis. We continue to ask you for a combination of concern, prayer and action. May God bless all our supporters and donors.

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 DeLarge, Justin Aldred, Jamie Shott, Alan Pook and David Rhodes.