

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

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4TH WEEK OF ADVENT/CHRISTMASTIDE
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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	21 st	December	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – Philomena Byre-Emerly (RIP)
Sun	22 nd	December	11.15 am	Okehampton	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Rex Gentium)
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish
Tue	24 th	December	4.00 pm	Okehampton	Youth/Family Mass (Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord)
			10.30 pm	Okehampton	Midnight Mass VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Wed	25 th	December	11.15 am	Okehampton	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Sat	28 th	December	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	29 th	December	11.15 am	Okehampton	HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	

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 Flowers: If you would like to donate towards the Flowers for our Season of Christmastide this year, you can do it. There are baskets at both entrances Any donation you can make would be gratefully received. Please give what you can.

Card Machine: If you would like to donate your offerings using the card machine, please note that it is situated on the wall by Our Lady's statue. Thank you for your generous support.

Christmas Offering: Envelopes are available on the pews to offer a Christmas extra to our priest. Please drop them into the giving baskets. Thank you.

Christmas Mass times: 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. **There will no mass be held at Chagford on Christmas Day.**

A sincere "thank you: to everyone who helped to prepare the church for the Season of Christmastide, I am grateful to the parishioners who cleaned the church, arranged the flowers, displayed the nativity crib, prepared the readers and arranged the children's party and the youth mass.

Christmas draw: The First Prize at Holy Family in Chagford was won by Jenney Pennel and Mary Sheridan won the second prize. Carmel and Denis Corcoran received the First Prize, and the second prize went to Jenny Twomey at St Boniface in Okehampton. The amount raised from St Boniface is £ 390 and from The Holy Family is £175. Thank you to everyone who donated items and entered the draw.

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.

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!

Gather 2025 Jubilate: A weekend of faith, formation and friendship, Friday 28th - Sunday 30th March, Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms are available from the parish office, see the Facebook page or email plymouthgather@yahoo.com for more information.

Save the date: Day of Reflection – Saturday 1 February at University of Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy: Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 1 February from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU. The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission. For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch at jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or vocation@prcdtr.org.uk

Links for Advent 2024: Please find attached a link to the final Advent Offering: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-69C49C1F7BAF1CE22540EF23F30FEDED>

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.