

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

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Plymouth R.C. Diocese

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29<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS  
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**Times of Masses & Services**

Sat	28 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For the People of the Parish
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup> December	11.15 am	Okehampton	HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
		5.30 pm	Okehampton	Thomas & Margaret Ward (RIP)
Tue	31 <sup>st</sup> December	7.00 pm	Okehampton	Seventh Day Of The Christmas Octave
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup> January	10.00 am	Okehampton	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – Alice Egan (RIP)
Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	10.30 am	Chagford	St Basil the Great
Sat	4 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 am	Okehampton	Rosary & Adoration
		10.00 am	Okehampton	Mass
		5.30 pm	Chagford	VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> January	11.15 am	Okehampton	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – For People of the Parish
		5.30 pm	Okehampton	Michael & Jean Ward (RIP)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** by arrangement.

**The Pope's Intention for January: For the gift of diversity in the Church.** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of various traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**Card Machine:** If you want 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.

**A sincere "thank you":** to the music group, Christine, Cecilia, Ken and Nicolette, who helped during the Season of Christmastide and throughout the year. I am also 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 Masses:** May say how wonderful it was to see so many of you in our churches at our Christmas services? A special thanks from me for all your good wishes and offerings for Christmas, they are very much appreciated.

**Nativity Crib:** May I request that you visit our crib on the altar? All donations are sent to Plymouth Catholic Children's Society to help them support families in our diocese who need their support. Thank you for your generosity.

**Maureen Bayfield (RIP):** Many of you may know the passing of Maureen Bayfield. The Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday 25 January 2025 at 11 am. You are welcome.

**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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay. Booking forms are available from the parish office, see the Facebook page or email [plymouthgather@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk) or [vocation@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:vocation@prcdtr.org.uk)

**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.