

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

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CHRISTMASTIDE/1ST WEEK IN O.T.
Year C1

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	11 th	January	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday - For the People of the Parish
Sun	12 th	January	11.15 am	Okehampton	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Carol Philips (RIP)
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	Patrick Ward (RIP)
Tue	14 th	January	6.00 pm	Okehampton	Private Intention
Wed	15 th	January	10.00 am	Okehampton	Private Intention
Sat	18 th	January	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	19 th	January	11.15 am	Okehampton	2 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	

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 recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and discover the richness of various traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Holy Communion lessons: They start Saturday, 11th, at 3 p.m. and meet in the Church hall. Parents must have all sheets filled out and bring the Baptism certificates of the children wanting to make their First Holy Communion to this first lesson.

PPC Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 14th January at 6.30 pm.** Please send your items for the agenda in good time and try your best to attend. The meeting will be held in the church hall, therefore joining by Zoom will not be available.

Attention Parents and our Young Parishioners: I would very much like to encourage the children and youths in our parish to get more involved in our services and church activities. Would you be willing to become a reader, help at children's liturgy, take up the offerings or serve on the altar? If you want to know more, please speak to me or Angie Scullion to learn more. I would be delighted if our youngsters could be more involved.

CWL Meeting: The Catholic Women's League's January meeting is on Wednesday, January 15th, after Mass, in the Church Hall. All ladies are most welcome. If you have never attended one of our meetings, come and see what we do. We will be pleased to see you.

Vacancy in the Diocese: We are recruiting a **Head of Safeguarding** and **Property Administrator** based at St Boniface House, Ashburton. To express your interest please contact recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk Closing dates for both applications: **20th January 2025 & 3rd February 2025.**

Mary, Mother of Emotions is my 13th book encouraged by the laity, religious and clergy around the world as they have witnessed me trying to reflect on Blessed Mother Mary in my homilies, seminars, retreats and talks through my psychological lens. I am sure this book will help draw some inspiration as well as pray with and through our Mother Mary of Good Health. I am nearly completing this book but still a long way to go due to multiple ministry and academic responsibilities. Meanwhile, you are most welcome to leave your comments, views and ideas using the QR code at the title cover or through this link http://youtube.com/post/Ugkx_DJD7Tpqe1JkddR4II0Ux4xq4s6ovpn7?si=NuxRuYprM9SeVsQk

13-17 Year old Residential, January 24th – 26th 2025: East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor. Come and join other 13 -17-year-olds from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10. There will be workshops for you to join, including photography; music; art and filming. East Shallowford is a working farm allowing you to meet and feed the animals. There is a small charge of £50 for the weekend. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; at_youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG>

You Can Help Your Marriage: Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom ...27 February to 2 March 2025. Email: info@retrouvaille.org.uk or [Call or text 0788 7296983 www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development: 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by the Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

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. For more information, see the Facebook page or email plymouthgather@yahoo.com.

Save the date: Day of Reflection – Saturday 1 February at University of Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy: Have you ever asked, '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

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