

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

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FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	8 th	March	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	9 th	March	11.15 am	Okehampton	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	
Wed	12 th	March	10.00 am	Okehampton	
Sat	15 th	March	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	16 th	March	11.15 am	Okehampton	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope's Intention for March: For the new Martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Welcome back: to Fr. Anil, we hope that you had an enjoyable vacation. Thank you to all our parishioners who helped to look after Fr. George and Canon David whilst Fr. Anil was away. Your help was very much appreciated by them both. It was unfortunate that the presbytery boiler had serious issues during Fr. George's visit, which was during one of our chilliest weeks but thanks to our local gas engineer a new boiler was installed in time for Canon David's stay.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day: Is set for 14th March. A retiring collection will take place on **Sunday 15th/16th March**. Envelopes are available at both entrances this weekend for your donation. You may donate online directly to CAFOD. If you are a taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your donation. CAFOD envelopes are available at all entrances for your donation, please take one home today and return it next week. Thank you.

Catholic Women's League: The next meeting will be on **Thursday 20th March at 10.30 am** in the church hall. Please note the change of day for this month. We will be having a talk from the police regarding home security and scams. All ladies welcome. **The Annual Lenten Lunch** will be held on **Sunday 23rd March** in the hall after Mass and the cost is £5. All proceeds from this event will be for the Parish funds, please make note of this date in your diary.

Watch this space for the date of a CWL cake sale, more details coming soon.

200 Club: Many congratulations to our February winners: Justine Frain, Jenny Twomey and Jim Egan. Big thanks to all who have already joined our 200 Club fundraiser for the parish, you will all be automatically entered into each monthly draw for 2025. It's not too late to join and you can buy additional numbers at any time during the year – obviously the earlier you join, the more chances you have to win! Remember it's not just for parishioners, so please tell your friends and families too! See Karen (Okehampton) or Justine (Chagford). Many thanks for your support.

Fundraising for our Parish: We'd like to know what YOU'd like to do and how YOU can help! Our Parish needs YOU! If you have any fundraising ideas for 2025 and / or would like to get involved, this is open to all parishioners in our parish, please see Karen (kgutans@gmail.com / 07958 334930). Many thanks.

Revelation: In this Jubilee year where Pope Francis has asked us to be active "Pilgrims of Hope", renowned scripture scholar and author, Fr. Nicholas King SJ, will lead us to understand the Book of Revelation and how the Word of God is our power for Mission. This event will be held at Buckfast Abbey conference centre on Saturday 15th March 10am-4pm (Dart View Room 4). There is an opportunity to go to the Abbey mass at noon. Booking is essential and needs to be done through plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk Enquiries: 01752 701660. We look forward to seeing you on this inspiring day.

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.

Prayers: Jerome Twomey, Norma Hynes, Peter Moy, Patricia Almond, Cecilia Brunton, 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, Molly Rogers, Jean Wood, Janet Vickers, Elizabeth Gregory, David Jennings, Kevin Power, Rosemary Hopkins, Reta DeLarge, Justin Aldred, Jamie Shott, Alan Pook.