

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

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EASTER OCTAVE

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	19 th	April	8.30 pm	Okehampton	THE EASTER VIGIL
Sun	20 th	April	11.15 am	Okehampton	EASTER SUNDAY – For the People of the Parish
			(No evening Mass)		
Sat	26 th	April	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For the People of the Parish
Sun	27 th	April	11.15 am	Okehampton	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope's Intention for April: For the role of women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

CWL Cake Sale: Thanks to everyone who supported this.

The Repository is open on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after the 11.15 Mass at St Boniface. We have a selection of First Holy Communion cards available.

Offerings through the Card Machine: Please be aware that we now have a card machine for your offerings, situated on the wall by Our Lady's statue. Remember that you can set up a standing order if this is a more convenient method for making your offerings. Donations from taxpayers can be Gift Aided at no extra cost to you. Banking details and the appropriate forms are available on the notice board; alternatively, you can speak to Fr. Anil or Ann Radnor if you can't locate them. Thank you for giving regularly, as this helps to maintain our church.

Easter offering envelopes: are available. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

Easter Draw: We are very fortunate that a kind donation of a draw prize has been gifted again for our Easter Draw. The prize is for entry and lunch for two people, three lucky winners, on their chosen day, to the RHS gardens at Great Torrington. £5 entry in an envelope with your contact details. The draw is to take place this Easter Sunday. Baskets are on the porch and at the back of the church. It's a fantastic prize for 3 lucky winners. All proceeds go towards our church funds, which are very much needed to help pay for the newly installed presbytery boiler.

Church Flowers: There is a jar near Our Lady's statue for donations towards the flowers for the church. You are welcome to drop in a donation whenever you are able to make our church look beautiful all year round. Thank you.

Eucharistic Ministers: The new date for the Renewal Session is now planned for Saturday, **24th May, 10.30 am to 3 pm** in the church hall at St Boniface. Please make a note in your diary and let the parish priest be aware of your attendance. Bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee will be available.

Serving Your Church: I am looking for parishioners to **join the Reading Rota**. If this is something you would like to do, please have a word with me and Martin Perry. I wish to restart offering Communion by both kinds at Mass. To do this, we **need more Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers**. This Role requires a Safe Recruitment (level 1 church only) or DBS check (level 2). Please discuss your willingness with me if you would like to commit to this important and rewarding role in the parish. Justine Frain is the safeguarding rep for Holy Family, Ann Radnor is the rep for St Boniface.

New Facebook Group: to replace the old Page. There will be several different admins, and the Group should make it easier for parishioners to share events, photos and news. Please use the link to join:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/httpswww.facebook.comgroups9597391286949986e/?ref=share>.

'Rise to Our Cause' on Ascension Thursday for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth): This year's 'Rise to Our Cause' event is being held at St Cuthbert Mayne in Launceston on Thursday, 29 May 2025. The event will start with Holy Mass in the church at 12.30 pm, followed by a two-course hot lunch kindly prepared for us by the parish. Following lunch, our Guest Speaker this year will be Phil McCarthy, the Hearts in Search of God project lead, who will describe his own walking pilgrimages to Rome and Istanbul and reflect on what it means to be a pilgrim of hope in this Jubilee year. To read more about Phil and the work he does promoting the Cornish pilgrimage, visit www.pilgrimways.org.uk. Tickets cost **£15** and can be ordered by emailing vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk, calling the CCSP office on **01364 645420** or visiting the parish office at St Cuthbert Mayne. All proceeds from this event will go towards helping vulnerable children and families living in our Diocese. There will also be a raffle on the day to help raise money for CCSP to enable us to continue helping families of all faiths and none living throughout Devon, Cornwall and parts of Dorset.

Vacancy for Tavistock Parish Secretary and Head of CARITAS in the Diocese: Please refer to the flyers on the notice board for more details.

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 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.