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17th August 2025 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Year C1

Times of	f Masses	& Services			
Sat	16 th	August	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday - For the People of the Parish
Sun	17 th	August	11.15 am	Okehampton	20 [™] Sunday in Ordinary Time
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	Private Intention
			Tuesday & Wednesday		No Masses
Sat	23 rd	August	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	24 th	August	11.15 am	Okehampton	21 ST Sunday in Ordinary Time
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

<u>The Pope's Intention for August:</u> For Political Leaders. Let us pray that political leaders serve their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and prioritising the needs of the poor.

Recent retiring collections: We have sent a cheque for £93.40 to Stella Maris and £87.00 for Peter's Pence. Thank you for your generosity.

Bank Standing Orders Form: If you are planning to donate your offerings to the church through a standing order, please find an application form available on a chair at both entrances and on the porch. Taxpayers may consider gift aid for their donation.

Acknowledgement and Appreciation: I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the incredible generosity many of you have shown in supporting the church. Your contributions have made a significant impact. However, the parish's maintenance costs are rising due to inflation, and there is a need to consider increasing your donations to replenish the parish's capital and reserves. This increase will help us prepare for unexpected expenses and emergencies, ensuring the continued operation of the parish. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing generosity.

<u>Filipino Supper Evening:</u> This event, hosted by our friendly Filipino parishioners, will take place on Saturday, 30th August, at 7 pm here at St. Boniface in the church hall. There are a couple of tickets left, which are now available from Ann Radnor, at £15 per head. If any tickets are returned, they will be made available. Please bring your own beverage. Thank you for supporting this popular event.

<u>Autumn Fair and Big Raffle:</u> At the Autumn Fair this year, we will have 12 local crafters selling their beautiful makes as well as a church Cake Stall and a Quality Toy Stall (new or nearly new). There will be Bacon Baps, Tea and Coffee. Draw tickets are now available for the Big Raffle, £1 a ticket or £5 a book. Raffle prizes include: 1st prize, £100 cash; 2nd prize, a Seasonal Hamper; and many more! If anyone has any ideas for draw prizes or can donate a special prize, please get in touch. Please could we ask ALL families to take some books to sell to family and friends - please see Karen or Ann after Mass. Thank you for being so supportive in our fundraising efforts. It is always much appreciated.

<u>CWL</u>: Coffee after 11.15. Mass this Sunday. The next CWL meeting is on Wednesday, 20th August at 10.30 am in the church hall, everyone welcome.

<u>Catholic Children's Society Plymouth:</u> GIVING HOPE TO ALL - Putting Children First: The Annual Appeal takes place over the weekend 23rd/24th August. There are envelopes available for you to take home and return next weekend. If you are a taxpayer, please consider gift-aiding your donation.

<u>Jubilee Day for Catechists</u>: In this Jubilee year, this day is for all Catechists and those interested in being Catechists. "My teaching is not mine, but His who sent me" (Jn7,16). Speakers include Dr Pat McGovern and the LIFT Team from Truro and Deacon Tim van Kroonenburg. This day will also provide opportunities to connect with fellow catechists and share ideas of fruitful pastoral practice in our challenging times. The day will be held at the Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre on Saturday, 27th September, 10 am – 4 pm. To register, please email plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you there.

<u>Unbound FREEDOM IN CHRIST: Prayer Conference September 20/21 St Boniface RC College. Plymouth:</u> Deliverance. Freedom. Belonging. ② Negative thoughts, repetitive sins and unhealthy relationships.② Destructive habits, idols, and false identities. ② Resentments and bitter wounds that never seem to heal. What if you could reach out and touch God's love and never be the same? Unbound is a non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry which helps people worldwide reclaim their true identity in Christ. Author and co-founder Matt Lozano will be speaking live from the USA. Mass. Confessions. Adoration. Trained ministry teams in Praise and worship. Tickets £40 via the link. Booking essential tickets is not available at the door. Over 18's only. Book your ticket here https://givealittle.co/c/5dBfepB2Akl3YpEkxi3Qr1.

<u>Prayers</u>: Jerome Twomey, Norma Hynes, 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, Janet Vickers, Elizabeth Gregory, David Jennings, Kevin Power, Rosemary Hopkins, Reta DeLarge, Justin Aldred, Jamie Shott, Alan Pook, and Jean Rhodes.