

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

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25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Year C1

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	20th	September	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – Justine Frain & family
Sun	21st	September	11.15 am	Okehampton	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Patrick Larassy & Family
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish
Tue	23 rd	September	7.00 pm	Okehampton	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) – For Jim Egan & Family
Wed	24 th	September	10.00 am	Okehampton	OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM – Private Intention
Sat	27th	September	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For Anonymous Donor & Family
Sun	28th	September	11.15 am	Okehampton	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Marie Smith & Family
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope's Intention for September: For the Cry of the Earth. Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

Retiring Collection: A mandatory collection for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (The Joy of the Gospel) this weekend, named after Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation. It supports the Mission Directorate and encourages the Catholic community to proclaim their faith with renewed zeal, seeking to reach out to others and become missionary disciples. Baskets at both entrances.

Produce Table: This weekend, after 11.15 am Mass at St Boniface. Please take your contributions to the hall and pop in to see what's for sale. Thank you.

Autumn Craft Fair and Big Raffle: Sat 18 Oct, 9 am-12 noon. We are now collecting for our Big Raffle hampers! We are going to have a variety of different hampers, e.g., food, pamper, gardening, etc. Below is a list of ideas, and there is one posted on the noticeboard too. Please make sure items have a use-by date of at least the end of January 2026. No need to sign up, just bring donations along and place them in the basket on the porch. Thank you so much. Suggested items are (but not exclusively):

Luxury Food Hamper: bottles of scotch/whiskey/port/sherry/wine/cava/mulled wine; biscuits for cheese; luxury chutney for cheese; luxury chocolates and biscuits; ground coffee, tea bags, hot chocolate; dried fruit/nuts; luxury marmalade and jam, etc.

Standard Food Hamper: any of the above, but not necessarily luxury. **Pamper:** voucher for spa/beauty treatment/massage, luxury soaps/toiletries/bubble bath, hot chocolate, bottle of Prosecco, etc. **Gardening:** Garden Centre voucher, gardening tools, gardening gloves, garden-specific soap/hand cream, etc, seeds, plants, gardening books, etc.

We would also welcome Vouchers from local businesses for things like Afternoon Tea, Weekend Away, and anything else they care to offer! This is going to be our biggest fundraising event of the year, so thank you to you all for your ongoing help and support.

Songs of Praise at St Boniface: Saturday, September 27th at 4 pm, followed by a lovely tea and cake in the Hall. If you would like to choose a hymn, please sign the form in the porch. £5 plus donations. Thank you for your support.

Okehampton Road Closures: Exeter Road currently has rolling two and three-way traffic lights until September 15, 2025, followed by a road closure from Monday, September 15, to October 6, 2025. Exeter Road: Completely closed between Limehayes Road and Balmoral Crescent from September 15th to October 6th, 2025. Diversion A30.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: Please sign up on the list in the porch if you are available to minister at Mass. May I remind all parishioners not to accept the chalice if you are feeling unwell. I appreciate your understanding.

Vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth: Please see the poster on the porch for Human Resources Administrator (HRA).

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 29 September: The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move, to pray for them as they face many challenges, and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. Caritas Diocese of Plymouth invites you to an online event on Thursday, 25th September, 6 pm-7.30 pm on Zoom, to reflect on how our faith calls us to love the strange and work for global change at the local level. Please register here to receive the details <https://forms.office.com/e/xLCdVxiBAh>.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal This Harvest: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia, where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope, or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

Prayers: 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.