

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

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27TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Year C1

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	4th October	9.00 am	Okehampton	Adoration & Rosary
		10.00 am	Okehampton	Mass – Private Intention
		5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For the Anonymous Donor's family
Sun	5th October	11.15 am	Okehampton	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – For Veronica Kenyon
		5.30 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish
Tue	7 th October	7.00 pm	Okehampton	Our Lady of the Rosary – For Jim Egan
Wed	8 th October	10.00 am	Okehampton	Private Intention
Sat	11th October	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	12th October	11.15 am	Okehampton	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		5.30 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope's Intention for October: For a Shared Mission. Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion, and mission shared by priests, religious, and laity.

Church Flowers and Cleaning: There are gaps on the rota; if any parishioners would like to offer their help, it would be much appreciated. A one-time commitment would help enormously. Check the rota on the notice board in the porch. Thank you.

CWL: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 15th October at 10.30 am. New members are always welcome.

Songs Of Praise: Thanks to Chris Cleverdon and her musicians for making this a very pleasant afternoon. It raised £103 towards church funds. The delicious tea and cake served afterwards were thanks to the CWL.

200 Club: The September draw took place at Holy Family Church, Chagford, last Saturday evening. Many congratulations to our winners: 1st – Sarah O'Connell, 2nd – Liz Giles, and 3rd – Justine Frain – all from Chagford this time! Many thanks to everyone who has joined our 200 Club. It is a fantastic way to raise much-needed funds to keep our churches running, and we are very grateful for your ongoing support.

AUTUMN CRAFT FAIR and BIG RAFFLE, Sat 18 Oct, 9 am-12 noon: Our **Big Raffle hampers** are coming along nicely, thanks to your generosity. There is a suggested list in the porch, and we are going to have a variety of different hampers. 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 in the porch. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, 12 October, please.** Thank you.

BIG RAFFLE TICKETS Please bring back your ticket stubs, money, and any unsold tickets by Sunday, 12 October. Thank you. We are also looking for a few **HELPERS on the day** to help with packing up tables and chairs at the end of the event. If you are able to help, please speak to Karen or Ann. Thank you so much. We are collecting **TOYS, which are in a good saleable condition**, for our Church toy stall at the **Autumn Fair**. Please leave any donations in the basket in the porch or see Ann Durden-Higgins. Many thanks.

CAFOD: We welcome Juliana Barrett, who is speaking on behalf of CAFOD at all masses this weekend.

Advent Retreat for 18–30-year-olds, Sclerder Abbey. 21st - 23rd November 2025: Join young adults from across the Diocese of Plymouth to prepare for Advent. During the weekend, you will explore John's scripture: 'The word became flesh and dwelt amongst us' (Jn 1:14) while experiencing elements of the Chemin Neuf Community, listening to talks from Fr. Robbie Lowe, and exploring the area. A recommended donation of £30 helps cover accommodation and food costs. For further information, contact Saskia; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/se4zasSM7B>

Youth Volunteers Training Day, 18th October 10-2.30: This event is open to anyone over 18 who currently works with youth in the Diocese of Plymouth or would like to. We will be exploring how to be inclusive whilst keeping ourselves and others safe at events. It is a great day to meet others from other parishes and hear about their experiences. Lunch will be provided, so it is therefore important to book your place. Book by clicking the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/hi2DfPWOKv>. For further information, contact: Saskia, youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care? A Catholic organisation organises a **Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course**. Those who would be interested in training, please find out more and register your interest either for entry at this stage or prior to our CRC selection process in Autumn 2026. Please visit www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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.