

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	13 th	December	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – John Sheridan (RIP)
Sun	14 th	December	11.15 am	Okehampton	GAUDETE SUNDAY – For Ian Docot
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish
Tue	16 th	December	NO MASS		
Wed	17 th	December	10.00 am	Okehampton	Advent Weekday (O Sapientia) For Jim Egan & the Family
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	Advent Penitential Service & Confessions
Sat	20 th	December	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	21 st	December	11.15 am	Okehampton	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Oriens)
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope's Intention for December: For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Advent Penitential Service & Confessions: This service will take place on Thursday, December 18th, at 6:30 PM. Please use this time for the Sacrament of Confession.

A Note on Holy Communion: Due to the recent flu outbreak and the rise in hospital admissions, we will pause the offering of the chalice for the time being. I do hope that you understand this decision.

Christmas Flowers: There are baskets at both entrances for donations to help decorate our church for the festive season. Thank you.

CWL Cake Sale: This was held last Sunday after morning Mass. A profit of £300 was raised from the sale of home-baked items and a raffle. A huge thank you to the CWL members, all the parishioners who donated baked items, and to the parishioners who supported this event.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVE MASS TIMINGS: Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th, at 4 PM will be the Youth and Family Mass; all are welcome. The Midnight Mass starts at 10:30 PM. On Thursday, Christmas Day, there will be only one service at the usual time of 11:15 AM.

Welcome: The parish would like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors during Advent and the Festive Season. If you are new to the area or our parish, please make yourself known to us, as we would very much like to meet you. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parishioners. If you would like to get involved in our church's life or have any particular skills to share, please approach me.

Volunteering in the Parish: We are looking for readers to join the rota, altar servers, flower arrangers, gardeners, church cleaners, members of the Catholic Women's League (CWL), and volunteers for fundraising and social events. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!

Children's Christmas Party: This event will take place at the **Conservative Club** opposite Simmons Park in town, this Sunday from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM. If your child or children would like to attend, don't hesitate to get in touch with Patrick Morris and sign up on the sheet available at both church entrances. We are also requesting that you donate a plate of party food. Thank you!

CWL Church Cleaning for Christmas: This will take place on Monday morning, 22nd December, at 10.30 am. All are welcome to join in and help make our church look beautiful for our Christmas services.

Pilgrimage to Holy Trinity RC Church, Dorchester: To conclude the Jubilee Year, a group from Tavistock is on a pilgrimage to Holy Trinity RC Church in Dorchester on Friday, December 19th. I have space in my car for four parishioners who would like to join me. If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with me.

Nativity Crib: Please visit and encourage your children to visit the nativity scene in front of the altar. All donations go to Plymouth The Catholic Children's Society.

Plymouth Children Society - PUTTING ALL CHILDREN FIRST – ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME: Please take time to visit our nativity over the Christmas period. The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) as it works across the Diocese, spreading God's love and giving families hope in times of crisis. We continue to ask you for a combination of concern, prayer, and action. May God bless all our supporters and donors.

Teenage Retreat taking place on 23rd-25th January 2026. It is designed to give young people a chance to step back from the busyness of daily life, explore their faith, enjoy fellowship with others their age, and take part in guided reflection, prayer, and activities. For further information, contact Saskia - youth@prcdtr.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.