

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

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**21<sup>st</sup> December 2025**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT/CHRISTMASTIDE**  
**Year A**

**Times of Masses & Services**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Chagford</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday – For the People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>December</b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Oriens) For Jim Egan &amp; Fly</b>
			<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>December</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>Advent Weekday (O Emmanuel) – Private Intention</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Family Mass: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
			<b>10.30 pm</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>Midnight Mass: VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December</b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – For the People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Chagford</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday – For the People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>December</b>	<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	<b>HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>
			<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Okehampton</b>	

**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.

**Thankyou** for your best wishes for a Blessed and Happy Christmas. I wish you all a peaceful and Holy Festive season on the birth of our Lord Jesus.

**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 take a moment to introduce yourself to us, as we would be delighted 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 don't hesitate to approach me.

**A sincere "thank you":** to everyone who helped to prepare the church for the Season of Christmastide, I am grateful to the parishioners who cleaned the church, arranged the flowers, displayed the nativity crib, prepared the readers and arranged the children's party and the youth mass.

**Card Machine:** If you would like to donate your offerings using the card machine, please note that it is situated on the wall by Our Lady's statue. Thank you for your generous support.

**Christmas offering:** Envelopes are available on the pews to offer a Christmas extra to our priest. Please drop them into the giving basket. Thank you.

**200 Club Draw:** It's the BIG ONE! The December 200 Club draw will be a DOUBLE DRAW with first prize £30, second £20 and third £10! This will be drawn after the 11.15 am Mass in Okehampton on Sunday, 21 December. I'm delighted to say we had 100 members in the 200 Club this year and have raised £640, with £60 being gifted back to the church, making a total of £700 for our parish fundraising. THANK YOU so much to you all for supporting our Parish Fundraising this year; it is very much appreciated. I will start to collect names for the 2026 '200 Club' in January, and the first draw will then take place at the end of February, Karen.

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

**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.

**Children's Christmas Party:** A huge thank you to Patrick Morris and Angie Scullion for arranging this for the youngsters in our parish and the Tavistock parish. It was an enjoyable occasion and great to see the children having such a good time together.

**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).

**Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission:** A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson. 21 February 2026, 11 am-4 pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre. Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission". Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford. Email: [caritas@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)

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**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.