

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

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OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Year A

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	27 th	December	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For Liz Giles's Family
Sun	28 th	December	11.15 am	Okehampton	The FEAST of THE HOLY FAMILY – For the People of the Parish
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	
Tue	30 th	December	No Mass		
Wed	31 st	December	10.00 am	Okehampton	7 TH Day of the Christmas Octave – For Jim Egan & the Family
Thurs	1 st	January	10.30 am	Chagford	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sat	3 rd	January	9.00 am	Okehampton	Adoration & Rosary
			10.00 am	Okehampton	Mass
			5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	4 th	January	11.15 am	Okehampton	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope's Intention for January: For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Thank you: for all your best wishes, gifts and cards which I have so gratefully received. God bless you all. I would like to wish you all a very Holy and Blessed 2026.

Welcome: The parish would like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors during 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, music 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.

200 Club Draw: The last draw of the year took place at St Boniface on Sunday, 21st December. **The lucky winners were 1st - Sarah O'Connell; 2nd - David Siely; 3rd - Mike Gutans.** Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraising initiative throughout the year. Details about next year's draw will follow soon.

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.

Sad News: Molly Rogers and David Emerson have both passed away recently. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

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, Janet Vickers, Elizabeth Gregory, David Jennings, Kevin Power, Rosemary Hopkins, Reta DeLarge, Justin Aldred, Jamie Shott, Alan Pook, and Jean Rhodes.