

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

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1ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A2

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	10th	January	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For the sick & housebound in Chagford
Sun	11th	January	11.15 am	Okehampton	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – For The People of the Parish
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	For the sick & housebound in Okehampton
Tue	13 th	January	7.00 pm	Okehampton	Private Intention
Wed	14 th	January	10.00 am	Okehampton	For Jim Egans's Family
Sat	17th	January	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	18th	January	11.15 am	Okehampton	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
			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.

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

Updating the Prayer List: If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list at the bottom of the newsletter, please get in touch.

200 CLUB: To help raise funds for our parish, we are excited to announce the return of our 200 Club! Each ticket costs £10 for the year and corresponds to a number that will be entered into our monthly draws. The draws will take place on the last Sunday of each month, starting in February 2026. Prizes for the draws are as follows: 1st Prize: £15; 2nd Prize: £10; 3rd Prize: £5. Additionally, there will be a special Christmas draw. **As the name suggests, we aim to sell 200 tickets, so please consider purchasing as many tickets as you can and encourage your friends and neighbours to join in! (Entrants must be over 18).** To participate, please see Karen Gutans after Mass in Okehampton or Justine Frain in Chagford. Remember to bring cash and sign up as soon as possible to maximise your chances of winning while supporting our parish. If anyone has any fundraising ideas for 2026 or would like to get involved, please reach out to Karen or Ann Radnor. Thank you for being so supportive!

My apologies: that all Masses were cancelled last weekend due to the poor and unpredictable weather conditions, which made the road surfaces dangerous. Our car park was under snow and ice. I hope that you appreciate that it is always difficult to make such a decision. I intended to keep all our parishioners safe, and so by cancelling Mass, I made the decision to prevent you from making unnecessary journeys. Please keep an eye on our FB page, and your emails should be updated in case such conditions arise again.

Okehampton gas works road Diversion: Please be aware that if you live east of Okehampton, a road diversion is in place. The journey back will be via the A30 or Follygate.

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

Towards a synodal church – Conversations in the Spirit: How do we listen to each other well? How do we step back from our own agendas to be attentive to where the Spirit is moving? How can we make better decisions about organising ourselves as Christian communities? How do we enrich our parish communal life with enriching conversations? The Synod process has emphasised the importance of listening and good conversations in our community life. However, these are not always so easy in practice! **Blessed Sacrament Exeter are hosting a one-day face-to-face facilitator training workshop with Fr Matthew Nunes, Director of the School for Synodality. This Conversations in the Spirit workshop will run on Saturday, 21st February** and will introduce the principles of holding prayerful, truthful and safe conversations which value gracious listening and courageous speaking. It is suitable for all levels of experience, including people who have not been involved in the Synod process so far. All parishioners from across the diocese are very welcome to attend - **please email exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk to let us know you're coming.** We're asking for a contribution of just £10 per person to cover costs - pay on the day. Please bring a packed lunch! 9:30 am tea and coffee for a 10 am start, 3:30 pm finish, Saturday 21st February, Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament Church, 29 Fore Street, Heavitree, EX1 2QJ.

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.