

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

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25th January 2026
3RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A2

Times of Masses & Services

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| Sat | 24 th | January | 5.30 pm | Chagford | First Mass of Sunday – For the Eucharistic Ministers in the Parish |
| Sun | 25 th | January | 11.15 am | Okehampton | 3 RD Sunday in Ordinary Time – For Veronica Walford & Family |
| | | | 5.30 pm | Okehampton | For the People of the Parish |
| Tue | 27 th | January | 7.00 pm | Okehampton | |
| Wed | 28 th | January | 10.00 am | Okehampton | St Thomas Aquinas – For Jim Egan & the family |
| Sat | 31 st | January | 5.30 pm | Chagford | First Mass of Sunday |
| Sun | 1 st | February | 11.15 am | Okehampton | 4 TH 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.

200 CLUB: Karen and Ann will both be available at the 11.15 Mass at Okehampton on Sunday to sign you up for the 200 Club. It's just £10 a number FOR THE WHOLE YEAR, and you can have as many numbers as you like (please bring cash). Every month (from February), you will automatically be entered into the draw for a chance to win £15, £10, or £5 (double in December)! The 200 Club is open to everyone over 18, and all the profits go to the church's fundraising. Last year we raised approx £700 – let's see if we can improve on that for 2026! Thank you for being so supportive.

Diocesan Newsletter for January 2026: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-562C2F808AB4C5622540EF23F30FEDED>

Stay awake! Saturday 2 May, 2026 'Stay Awake' tickets are now available – book yours today at www.stayawakejc.com. Taking place at The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, from 10 am – 6 pm, finishing with Holy Mass and optional free pizza until 19:00. Inspiring talks and workshops for all, with kids' groups, meaning fun & fellowship for all ages! Could this be part of your New Year's resolution to come closer to the Lord as a family, individual, and community?

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's 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.

GATHER 2026 conference will take place at the Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay, Friday 20 – Sunday 22 March 2026. The conference has been running for many years, and the feedback we have received is that it is appreciated and enjoyed by all who attend. We are very pleased that Bishop Nicholas will be joining us on Saturday and presiding at Mass and preaching on Sunday. Please find the leaflet and the booking form in the back of the church.

Caritas January Newsletter: To read news of love in action around our diocese and upcoming events and dates, please click: <https://tinyurl.com/583wpdn7>

Modern Slavery Newsletter: To read it, click <https://tinyurl.com/3vzefdv2>

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.