

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

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2ND WEEK IN CHRISTMASTIDE
Year A

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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	3 rd January	9.00 am	Okehampton	Adoration & Rosary
		10.00 am	Okehampton	Mass
		5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For Justine Frain
Sun	4 th January	11.15 am	Okehampton	Second Sunday After the Nativity – For the sick in the parish
		5.30 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish
Tue	6 th January	10.00 am	Okehampton	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)
		4.00 pm	Chagford	
Wed	7 th January	10.00 am	Okehampton	Jim Egan & the Family
Sat	10 th January	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	11 th January	11.15 am	Okehampton	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
		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.

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.

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!

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).

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

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 29698

UNBOUND Prayer Ministry is available in our Diocese. If you feel in need of freedom and inner healing through prayer and desire a deeper relationship with Jesus, we have ministers trained to help you. Please contact unboundprayerdop@gmail.com.

Teenage Retreat taking place from 23rd to 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 own age, and participate 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.