

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

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EASTER OCTAVE
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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	4 th	April	8.30 pm	Okehampton	THE EASTER VIGIL – For the People of the Parish
Sun	5 th	April	11.15 am	Okehampton	EASTER SUNDAY – For Jim Egan & the Family
			(No evening Mass)		
Tue	7 th	April	No Mass		
Wed	8 th	April	10.00 am	Okehampton	EASTER WEDNESDAY – For Jim Egan & the Family
Sat	11 th	April	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For Shelagh Weeden
Sun	12 th	April	11.15 am	Okehampton	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday)
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope's Intention for April: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

A warm welcome to all our visitors for Easter.

A sincere thank-you to everyone who sent me Easter Blessings and good wishes. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who helped to prepare for Holy Week, designing and making the booklets, the organist and choir, the readers, altar servers, flower arrangers, church cleaners and gardeners. I wish you all and your families a Blessed and Peaceful Easter time.

Easter offering envelopes are now available for the gift to your Priest. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

Card Reader: Please remember that for your convenience, we have a card reader located near Our Lady's statue. Thank you.

200 Club: Many congratulations to our March winners: 1st Patrick Morris; 2nd Mary Sheridan; 3rd Liz Giles. We have not had a separate Easter raffle this year, but instead we would like to encourage parishioners (and their families and friends!) to join our 200 Club instead. Entries are just £10 a number, you can have as many numbers as you like and they will be entered EVERY MONTH into the raffle - so NOT JUST FOR EASTER! Please see Karen Gutans, Ann Radnor or Justine Fraine. Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising.

Serving Your Church: I am seeking parishioners to join the Reading Rota and the altar service. If this is something you would like to do, please have a word with Martin Perry and me—a sincere thanks to the parishioners who have responded to the plea.

Dates for your diary, upcoming church events raising funds for our parish: CWL cake stall, Sunday 19th April after morning Mass, 20th June Holy Family Coffee Morning in Endecott House, Chagford, more details to follow. 17th October Craft Fair, Coffee Morning and Big Draw at All Saints Church Hall, Okehampton.

2025 Great Big Diocesan Quiz on Friday, 8 May 2026: This year's Great Big Diocesan Quiz will be held on Friday, 8 May 2026. Last year, 9 parishes took place on Friday, 9 May 2025 and helped to raise almost £1,400. Another parish joined in a few weeks later, and a further £500 was raised, bringing the total to almost £2,000. All you have to do is find a venue and a quiz master, then as many parishioners as possible to make up the teams, and CCSP will supply the rest. Could one of the teams from your parish be crowned Overall Diocesan Champion 2026, the title which is currently held by 'Not So Deadly' from St Mary's in Poole, who scored 93.5 out of a possible 130 marks in our 2025 Great Big Diocesan Quiz?

Would you like to join our 50:50 club: Helping Hands is a simple and effective way of raising funds for CCSP, as half of the money raised in subscriptions is used for our Essential Grants programme and Pro-active Parenting courses and the other half is returned to members as prize money. For example, if we have £200 in subscriptions from members each month, then £100 would be used to help children and their families/carers, and the other £100 will be distributed as prize money, e.g., £50 first prize, £30 second prize and £20 third prize. The distribution of prize money will be determined each time by the number of members in the draw. It costs £12 a year for entry into all twelve-monthly draws, and you can enter each draw more than once by increasing your subscription to £24 for two entries, £36 for three entries and so on. If your name is drawn out, we will post a cheque to you. To start your Helping Hands membership, all you need to do is complete our application by visiting our website <https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/form-helping-hands-application/>

Contemplative Retreats at St. Rita's Centre, April 20th – 24th 2026: An Introduction to the *Gries Path of Prayer*, as well as an opportunity for a short retreat for those familiar with this way of prayer. For further details: Contact the retreat co-ordinator, Paddy Rylands, paddyrylands@gmail.com

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, Jean Rhodes, Gill Williams, Mary Catherine (Kate) Harding and Sylvia Hawkings.