

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

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17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A2

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	25th	July	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For Liz Giles & the family
Sun	26th	July	11.15 am	Okehampton	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Godfrey Rhodes (RIP)
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	Fr. John Bielawski (RIP)
Tue	28 th	July	7.00 pm	Okehampton	For Jim Egan & the family
Wed	29 th	July	10.00 am	Okehampton	SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus – For Jon & Marian Javis
Sat	1st	August	9.00 am	Okehampton	Adoration & Rosary
			10.00 am	Okehampton	Mass. St. Alphonsus Liguori – For Kate Harding
			5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	2nd	August	11.15 am	Okehampton	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope's Intention for August: For evangelisation in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Offerings/loose Plate by Standing Order: For those of you who would like to set up a standing order for your offerings, our banking details are: Account Name: PDT Okehampton RC Parish, Sort Code:54-21-14, Account Number: 05608775. If you are a UK taxpayer, you might consider gift-aiding your offerings. Please be aware that it is easy to make payments for the amount you choose on our card machine situated by Our Lady's statue. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Appeal for new Chasubles: I am looking for generous parishioners to sponsor different-coloured chasubles for the parish. Please speak to me if you can help. Thank you for your kind attention.

The July 200 CLUB DRAW will take place this weekend, 25/26 July. First prize is £15, second £10 and third £5. All members are automatically entered into each monthly draw during 2026. You can buy as many numbers as you like throughout the year, and it costs just £10 per number. If you'd like to support our Parish and be in with a chance of winning, then please see Karen (Okehampton) or Justine (Chagford) and join the 200 Club now! This is open to everyone and anyone (over 18), so please tell your friends and neighbours!

Autumn Crat Fair: Our BIG RAFFLE TICKETS are now available for you to take and sell to your family and friends, please. They are just £1 each, or £5 a book. Prizes include a variety of lovely hampers, plus cash and vouchers (we will be asking for donations nearer the time - thank you!). The draw will take place at our Autumn Craft Fair on Saturday 18 October (save the date!). Please take some raffle tickets and bring back the stubs and money (in a named envelope) and place them in the baskets provided. Many thanks for your support. Karen and Ann.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers: Please sign up on the rota in the porch if you are available to minister during Mass.

Parish Safeguarding Reps: are Justine Frain for Holy Family and Ann Radnor for St Boniface.

Message from Bishop Nicholas: Fr Jon Bielawski (RIP) died a little before 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 22nd July. Our prayers are with his family and friends, especially the parishioners of Crownhill, Southway and Yelverton and all the many parishes in which he served so generously across the Diocese these last 36 years. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Details of the funeral arrangements and an obituary will be published in due course on the Diocesan website.

Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support, and we are currently looking for empathetic, understanding, and enthusiastic individuals to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families. Please note that there are costs associated with training on our CRC. These costs are far lower than with alternative training providers. In line with our ethos as a charity, no one is excluded based on their ability to pay. To find out more, please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Stepping into Stillness: 8 Day Contemplative Retreat for those familiar with this way of praying, as well as introducing the Gries Path to those for whom it is new. **August 18th – 27th 2026.** For further details: Contact the retreat co-ordinator, Paddy Rylands, paddyrylands@gmail.com.

Our diocesan newsletter for July/August: <https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-47E6F88D98A22DCD2540EF23F30FEDED>

Prayers: Norma Hynes, Patricia Almond, Cecilia Brunton, Mary Frain, Jan, Margaret Snell, Mary Sheridan, Jen Cleverdon, 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, Sylvia Hawkins, Karin Dunlop, Olive Hennessey, Carole Mason and Kevin Selby.