

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

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9th August 2026
19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A2

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	8 th August	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For David & Jean Rhodes
Sun	9 th August	11.15 am	Okehampton	19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Godfrey Rhodes (RIP)
		5.30 pm	Okehampton	For People of the Parish
Tue	11 th August	7.00 pm	Okehampton	St Clare – For Jim Egan & the family
Wed	12 th August	10.00 am	Okehampton	Private Intention
Sat	15 th August	5.30 pm	Chagford	VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sun	16 th August	11.15 am	Okehampton	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
		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.

Welcome: The parish would like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors during the Summer 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.

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.

Autumn Craft 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, 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.

Fr Jon Bielawski's Funeral: Fr. Jon will be received into the cathedral at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, August 26th, 2026, followed by the Vigil Mass at 6:00 PM. **The Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nicholas at 12:00 Noon on Thursday, August 27th, 2026.** Burial will take place at Weston Mill Cemetery. Light refreshments will be served in the school hall after both the Vigil and the Funeral Mass for all guests. ***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.***

Catholic Children's Society Plymouth Annual Appeal: Many families are facing financial hardship due to abuse, family breakdown, illness, job loss, or other difficult circumstances. The Essential Grants Programme helps families with items such as school uniforms, shoes, beds, bedding, children's clothes, baby items, furniture, and white goods. Applications need a referee and are usually processed within two to three weeks. CCSP also needs trustees. If you can offer your time, please get in touch with the office on 01364 645420 and ask for the Chair, Shelagh Fearnley.

Mass for Marriage: Marriage enriches us all. Please join us at our Celebration of Marriage, at midday in the Cathedral on Saturday, September 12th. The Celebrant will be Bishop Nicholas. Everyone is welcome, including those whose spouses are no longer with them here. Let us know your anniversaries or intentions, or your planned wedding date. For more information, please contact: Deborah.vanKroonenburg@prcdtr.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.