

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

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20th September 2026
25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A2

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	19 th	September	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday – For David & Jean Rhodes
Sun	20 th	September	11.15 am	Okehampton	25 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – For Alister Sequeira's Family
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish
Tue	22 nd	September	7.00 pm	Okehampton	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL – For Jim Eagan & the Family
Wed	23 rd	September	10.00 am	Okehampton	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) – Private Intention
Sat	26 th	September	5.30 pm	Chagford	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	27 th	September	11.15 am	Okehampton	26 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – For Jim Eagan & the Family
			5.30 pm	Okehampton	For the People of the Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation by arrangement.

The Pope's Intention for September: For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Fr. Anil's Annual Holiday: I will be on vacation starting Monday, September 28th. During my absence, Weekday Masses are cancelled. However, we will hold Eucharistic services on a few Wednesdays, which you can see in the newsletter. Please send any items for the newsletter to Ann Radnor, the parish secretary. Canon David Anner from Penzance will cover all Weekend Masses both in Chagford and Okehampton. Thank you.

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 note that it is easy to make payments for the amount you choose on our card machine by Our Lady's statue. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Retiring collection: for the Bishop's conference "Home Mission" this weekend, 20th September. This is an annual celebration in the RC church dedicated to sharing the joy of the Gospel and supporting national evangelisation; it encourages the Catholic community to witness their faith in daily life. It was formally called Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.

Autumn Craft Fair and Big Raffle, Saturday 17 October, 10 am-1 pm: We are now collecting for our Big Raffle hampers! We are going to have a variety of different hampers, e.g., food, pamper, gardening, etc. Below is a list of ideas, and there is one posted on the noticeboard too. Please make sure items have a use-by date of at least the end of Jan 2027. No need to sign up; just bring donations along and place them in the basket on the porch. Thank you so much. Suggested items are (but not exclusively): **Luxury Food Hamper:** bottle of scotch/whiskey/port/sherry/wine/cava or mulled wine; biscuits for cheese; luxury chutney for cheese; luxury chocolates and biscuits; ground coffee, tea bags, hot chocolate; dried fruit/nuts; luxury marmalade and jam, etc. **Standard Food Hamper** – any of the above, but not necessarily luxury! **Pamper** – voucher for spa/beauty treatment/massage, luxury soaps/toiletries/bubble bath, hot chocolate, bottle of Prosecco, chocolates, etc. **Gardening** – Garden Centre voucher, gardening tools, gardening gloves, garden-specific soap/hand cream etc, seeds, plants, gardening books, etc. We would also welcome **Vouchers** from local businesses for things like Afternoon Tea, Weekend Away and anything else they care to offer! This is going to be our biggest fundraising event of the year, so thank you to you all for your ongoing help and support. Draw tickets are still available to purchase. Please return any unsold tickets to Karen and Ann.

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

Sad news: I am deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of David Ovens, the cherished son of Monika Ovens. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Monika and her family. May his soul rest in peace and be granted eternal rest. Let's continue to pray for him and the bereaved family members.

Day of Reflection – Saturday 17 October at St Mary & St Petroc Church, Bodmin: Have you ever asked the question, 'Is God calling me to the priesthood or to the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on **Saturday 17 October from 10:00 to 15:00 at St Mary's Parish Centre, St Mary's Road, Bodmin PL31 1HF**. The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese, and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission. Pickups from Bodmin station can be arranged if required. For more information and to register your interest, please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or Fr Ralph Candy on vocation@prcdtr.org.uk

Chocolate Making workshop, Truro Parish Church. Saturday 17th October (ages 10 - 16): If you are aged 10- 16, why not join us to explore the catholic social teaching around growing and farming cocoa and the chocolate industry. You will get to taste the raw ingredients that make chocolate, whilst making your own chocolate and producing Florentines. Simultaneously, there is a craft workshop to create a box for your Florentine. To book: [Chocolate Making Day, 17th October 2026 – Fill in the form](#). Cost: £10 per person. For further information, contact Saskia at youth@prcdtr.org.uk.

ORANGE FOR OCTOBER: If you have Stamp collections, first day covers or old envelopes and postcards pre 1950, Coins and banknotes – old and new, from all over the world, obsolete or otherwise, Precious metals including broken jewellery, old trophies, gold, silver, Metals including ornaments, metal toys, keys and locks, metal cutlery – any age and any condition, Costume jewellery, Medals, Small antiques and collectibles, Watches – digital, quartz or manual wind – working or not, Catholic items such as rosaries, crucifixes, medals but not books, Please bring them in and pop them in to the Parish's Orange Box. For more information, please visit our website – www.ccsplymouth.org.uk or call 01364 645420.

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, and Kevin Selby.