

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

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17th December 2017
Third Week of Advent
Year B

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	16 th December	6.00 pm	Okehampton	People of the parish
Sun	17 th December	9.00 am	Chagford	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – GAUDETE SUNDAY
		11.00 am	Okehampton	Thanksgiving mass from Calunod family.
Tue	19 th December	6.30 pm	Okehampton	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wed	20 th December	10.00 am	Okehampton	Advent Weekday (O Clavis David)
Thurs	21 st December	10.30 am	Chagford	Advent Weekday (O Oriens)
Fri	22 nd December	10.00 am	Okehampton	Advent Weekday (O Rex Gentium)
Sat	23 rd December	6.00 pm	Okehampton	First Mass of Sunday
		2.00pm	Okehampton	Baptism
Sun	24 th December	9.00 am	Chagford	Marcus RIP
		11.00 am	Okehampton	People of the parish
		10:30 pm	Okehampton	Carols followed by MIDNIGHT MASS

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 5.15 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. or by arrangement.

Welcome to Christmas Services:

Sun	24 th December	10.30 pm	Okehampton	Carols followed by MIDNIGHT MASS
Mon	25 th December	9.00 am	Chagford	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
		11.00 am	Okehampton	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas services: We expect many visitors throughout the festive season please make our visitors welcome and create spaces for them if the church is full. The order of service will be made available online via the parish website www.stbonifacechurch.co.uk for download.

10 pin bowling for the older children **17th December meet at 3pm** at St. Boniface Church Okehampton.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Tuesday 19th December at 6.30pm at St. Boniface Okehampton. We will start with a short service with two more visiting priests followed by individual confessions.

Car Park: There will be **no access to the new car park on the 18th/19th December** due to work being undertaken to drop the curb, apologies for this inconvenience, it shouldn't take more than three days to complete, thanks for your patience.

Please be aware that there is a salt container adjacent to the disabled car parking area this is to be used during icy conditions. On behalf of the parish and myself I would like to acknowledge the tremendous amount of work which Jim Egan has put into this project. Not only has he sponsored the whole project but he has personally supervised the entire job from start to finish, overcoming all the hurdles efficiently and peacefully which were encountered along the way.

There will be a grand blessing and opening of the carpark and grotto by our Bishop Mark O'Toole and other local dignitaries starting with a mass on Sunday 11am 29th April 2018 at St. Boniface Okehampton.

Preparing the church for Christmas: Cleaning for Christmas will take place after the 10am Mass on Wednesday 20th December. All welcome to come and help.

The Repository: will be open each Sunday after 11am Mass in the Church Hall until Christmas unless otherwise stated. There is a good stock of Christmas cards, Advent Calendars and candles plus the usual everyday stock.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th – 25th January.

Prayer Breakfast: Saturday 20th January Baptist Church 08.30am – 10.00am.

Holsworthy Food Bank: Father Darline has been given some food vouchers to offer to needy families in the Holsworthy/Hatherleigh area if they find themselves struggling over the Christmas season. Volunteers have offered to distribute food parcels if necessary. Contact details are: www.holsworthyfoodbank.btck.co.uk or by text 07391989506.

Flower and cleaning rota: We are urgently looking for more people to volunteer with the church flowers and the cleaning of the church. If you are able to help in any way we would be very grateful, please contact Sylvia Hawkins.

MISSIO Calendars 2018 are in the porch for Red box holders.

The Pope's Intention for December: The Elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Future events for the parish:

Parish Lunch: 28th January 2018 The Mill End Hotel, near Chagford.

Grand blessing and opening of the car park and Grotto: Sunday 11am 29th April 2018 at St. Boniface Okehampton.

Prayers: Please pray for: Bob Bell, Ruth Graf, Sylwia Gaik, John, Sean, Joan Stutt, Genie Vernon, Molly Rogers, Jean Wood, Janet Vickers, Margaret Snell, Maureen Frances, Mayda Reynolds, Tilly Rhodes, Elizabeth Gregory, Ian & Farquhar family, Water Ciganda, Madeline Lawson, David Gennings, Maureen Hartwell, Jean Nyburg, Dee Thomas, Alex Joyce, Jean Waddington, Jean Arnold Jones, Kevin Power, Rosemary Hopkins, Isabelle Chenery, Reta DeLarge, Justin Aldred, Pat Bennett, Jamie Shott and Alan Pook.

Collections Last Weekend: Okehampton: £ 355.32

Chagford: £ 77.50