

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

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16th Week in Ordinary Time

Year A2

We are aiming to open our Churches on 2nd August for Services until then all our services are online only

Sat	18 th	July	6.00 pm	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	19 th	July	11.00 am	People of the Parish
Tue	21 st	July	7.00 pm	
Wed	22 nd	July	10.00 am	ST MARY MAGDALENE
Thurs	23 rd	July	10.30 am	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN
Fri	24 th	July	10.00 am	
Sat	25 th	July	6.00 pm	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	26 th	July	11.00 am	17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Directory for Catechesis: The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelisation has now launched the new Directory for Catechesis. The Statement on the new Directory for Catechesis is issued by our Bishop Mark. The Summary and the statement of our Bishop are sent to all the Parishioners via email.

St. Boniface Church Roof: We hope to start this in September aiming to complete by the end of October. There is an attachment about the present situation in the email. You will find the cost has gone up to £50,000. Father Darline is in touch with the Diocese about the same. On the top of the special collections and fundraising events there have been significant donations from some of our Parishioners in the recent past towards the roof fund. Thanks to them. The total amount we have collected towards the roof fund up until this day is £17,632.30 plus the legacy amount £25,000. Due to the recent expense on the Chagford roof (paid £9,223.08), we are short of nearly £18,000. Any donation towards this would be gratefully received.

Opening our Churches: I am aware three weeks ago, 90% of our Parishioners voted to keep our Churches closed and continue to have the benefit of the interactive services through Zoom, Skype and FaceTime. Since HM Government has now published the official guidance for the opening of Places of Worship for communal acts from 4th July 2020, I suggest that we plan to open our Churches from 2nd of August for the Masses. The guidance from the Government can be found online here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-4-july>

The recent updated guidance published by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are sent to all the Parishioners via email. The advice is clear that a risk assessment must be carried out and approved by the Diocese before a church can be brought back into use. Our Health & Safety Representatives Patrick Morris (Mobile: 07880734088) for Okehampton and Justine Frain (jmfrain@aol.com) for Chagford will be coordinating this risk assessment. For this and for the actual date of the opening of the churches we need volunteers to assist as stewards. Therefore, could I request for people to come forward.

Before you put your name forward to be a steward, please have a look at the document titled, '**Duty of care towards church stewards during the reopening of churches – 18 June 2020**'. It was sent to you three weeks ago. It is again attached with this email. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Patrick for Okehampton and Justine for Chagford on the details given above. Please be aware Ann Radnor our safeguarding Rep will be part of the process. She can be contacted via email

theradnors@hotmail.com

Thanks to all those who are continuing their generosity to the Parish during this pandemic by standing order and sending cheques every month. Much appreciated. It does help the Parish pay the bills.

Mass via Land line/Phone: If you do not have access to smart phones or computers, you are very welcome to join in for the Masses by telephoning one of the numbers below. You will be charged for normal landline access (which may already be included in your phone plan). Please ring one of the numbers below and follow the instructions given under the numbers.

0131 460 1196, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240, 0208 080 6591, 0208 080 6592, 0330 088 5830

1. You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID followed by a hash #. The meeting ID is 164 799 815

2. Then you will be asked to enter a Participant ID followed by a #. You will also be told that if you don't have a participant ID just press #

Please just enter the # without adding any number. (You do not need a Participant ID to join the Mass)

3. Lastly, you will be asked to enter the password followed by a #. The password is 668447. You will then be connected.

Caritas Plymouth has produced an updated guide for supporting people who are homeless, in partnership with St Petrocs, Cornwall. The guide can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Homelessness-advice.pdf>

The Pope's Intention for July: Our Families: We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

Prayers: Please pray for: Pat, Jackie Mc Intyre, Maura O' Toole, Maureen Bayfield, Michele Collier, Diana Selwood Wielink, Alex Joyce, John Keating, Jean & Tilly Rhodes, Jenny Kennedy, Anne Brooks, Sheila Rogers, Bob Bell, Joan Stutt, Genie Vernon, Molly Rogers, Jean Wood, Janet Vickers, Margaret Snell, Maureen Frances, Elizabeth Gregory, David Jennings, Maureen Hartwell, Dee Thomas, Jean Waddington, Jean Arnold Jones, Kevin Power, Rosemary Hopkins, Isabelle Chenery, Reta DeLarge, Justin Aldred, Pat Bennett, Jamie Shott and Alan Pook.