

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

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Plymouth R.C. Diocese

Reg. Charity No. 213227

30<sup>th</sup> August 2020

22<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Year A2

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**Times of Masses & Services**

Sat	29 <sup>th</sup> August	6.00 pm	<b>online only</b>	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	30 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Chagford</b> (in church)	22 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Okehampton</b> (in church)	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Tue	1 <sup>st</sup> September	7.00 pm	<b>NO Parish Mass</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Fr. Martin Griffin RIP</b>
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	10.00 am	<b>NO Parish Mass</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Genie Vernon RIP</b>
Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	10.30 am	<b>online only</b>	ST GREGORY THE GREAT
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00 am	<b>online only</b>	St Cuthbert
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup> September	6.00 pm	<b>online only</b>	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Chagford</b> (in church)	23 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
		<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Okehampton</b> (in church)	<b>Anne and Martin's Golden Wedding Anniversary</b>

**1<sup>st</sup> September is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** and marks the start of the Season of Creation – an opportunity for us all to reflect on how we care for our Common Home. The Season runs until 4 October – the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. In his message for Laudato Si' week, Bishop Mark said 'Our earth is the home for the human family. We invite everyone to reflect, to pray, and to act, so that we achieve that ecological conversion that the Holy Father calls us to. You can find resources to use during the Season on the [Diocesan Website](#) and Facebook pages.

**Sad News:** Genie Vernon aged 77 sadly died on 16<sup>th</sup> August. She lived in Moretonhampstead and was regularly visited by Elizabeth Constantine, David Rhodes and Father Darline. I found her a woman of strong faith and optimism despite various health issues. She will be sadly missed. At this time of sadness, we offer our condolences to her son Jon, family and friends. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 10:30 am at St. Andrews Church, Moretonhampstead followed by cremation at St Paul's Chapel, Exeter & Devon Crematorium at 12.00 noon. It will be a Catholic Service. Anyone wishing to attend the service is requested to contact Father Darline since there are number restrictions.

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Anne & Martin Barnard:** Anne and Martin are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary this year on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September. They Both have been very much involved in the life of our Parish. I have personally witnessed and am aware of their valuable hard work and commitment to the Parish. We congratulate them both on their Golden Wedding anniversary and wish them God's blessings. There will be a special Mass of thanksgiving on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 11 am in honour of Anne and Martin.

**Churches are open on Sundays for Mass:** Both of our churches are open now for Masses on Sundays. Thanks to all the volunteers for the willingness, dedication, and hard work. We have been considering various options regarding managing the attendance. The consensus is to follow first come first serve approach. Therefore, the encouragement for people who wish to attend is to arrive at least 15 minutes early for the services. Those who wish to attend Mass in the Church, please follow the social distancing. The capacity of the church will be reduced to between 17 and 24 people, depending on how many attend from the same household. Please be understanding that the number limit must be adhered to which means you may not be able to stay for Mass if the capacity has been reached. Entrance by the main front door only, exit by the back door only (this is different for Chagford). Please wear a mask or face covering, and keep this on throughout the service, except when receiving communion. People who attend the Mass are encouraged to bring their own small bottle of hand sanitiser to use before the communion. This change will reduce the amount of time spent in front of the altar and so will quicken up the service. Please read the instructions sent with the bulletin and the same are posted on our website. Whenever Masses are celebrated in the Churches, only zoom will be in operation. All other Masses will have all the three applications in operation.

**Vacancies in the Diocese of Plymouth:** The Diocese of Plymouth is looking to appoint the following positions:

**Parish Property Mentors**

Location: Homeworking with travel to parishes and occasional travel to St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL

**Caritas Plymouth Project Support Worker** Location: St Boniface House. **More details in the attachment.**

Nicolette and Ken would like to thank parishioners for the good wishes last weekend when they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary.

**The Pope's Intention for September: Respect for the Planet's Resources:** We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**Prayers:** Please pray for: Derek & Ruth, 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.