

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

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30th Week in Ordinary Time

Year A2

Times of Masses & Services

Sat	24 th	October	6.00 pm	Okehampton (in Church- see note below)	First Holy Communion
Sun	25 th	October	6.00 pm	Okehampton (in church)	Joan Stutt RIP
Tue	27 th	October	7.00 pm	online only	
Wed	28 th	October	10.00 am	online only	SS SIMON AND JUDE - APOSTLES
Thurs	29 th	October	10.30 am	online only	
Fri	30 th	October	10.00 am	online only	
Sat	31 st	October	6.00 pm	Okehampton (in Church- see note below)	First Holy Communion
Sun	1 st	November	9.00 am	Chagford (in church)	31 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
			11.00 am	Okehampton (in church)	

Bishop Mark's pastoral Message for the 50th Anniversary of the canonisation of the forty Martyrs of England and Wales for this weekend is sent to all in the Parish email list. It is a good letter and please feel free to share with others.

First Holy Communion: Given the challenging situation being faced presently, we are planning to have the First Holy Communion in our Parish on two different days; Saturday 24th October 6pm and Saturday 31st October 6pm. This will be a special Mass in which Children will be doing the readings and the biddings and will be in our Church St. Boniface Okehampton as well as live online. **Given the number restrictions we have in place, only those children receiving First Holy Communion and their family members are encouraged to attend and the others are requested to participate online.**

Sad News: Joan Stutt, the wife of Peter Stutt passed away on Tuesday Morning morning 20th October 2020 at Barnstable hospital. Our condolences to Peter and the family. We had the same day evening Mass for the repose of Joan's soul. Joan was a devout Catholic very much loved by everyone at Holy Family Chagford. Canon Peter Morgan anointed her a few days ago. I prayed over her via the mobile phone along with Peter Stutt the day before she died. I know her well as a person of great faith and a good host very much proud of our Catholic identity. She is one of the few Parishioners who organised a welcome party for me when I came to the Parish back in 2011. Joan will be missed sadly by all of us. Details about her Requiem Mass will be made available later.

Caritas Plymouth, the helping hand of the Church warmly invites you to join Bishop Mark for an on-line event on Saturday October 24, 2020 from 10.30 – 12.30 to reflect on the Pope's Message for World Day of the Poor and what the new Encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti' has to teach us about social action in a post-Covid world. Please come and join us: register on-line [HERE](https://www.prcdtr.org.uk) or email us at caritas@prcdtr.org.uk

Rosary Whirlwind British Isles – October 2020: Once again Catholics across England, Wales, Scotland and the Isles are invited to take up their rosaries for an intensive Rosary Whirlwind Mission for the spiritual well-being of the British Isles and for its preservation from degeneration, disaster, sickness and war. On the 31st October this event will finish with a continuous Rosary recitation across the British Isles from 9am – 9pm. The Plymouth Diocese slot is 11.30 am and will be led by Bishop Mark.

Friends of St. Boniface & Holy Family: As we endeavour to deal with the uncertainties of Covid 19 and the changes to our lives this has brought about, The Friends would like your help and support with the only Fund Raising event that has taken place since February. Everything, even The Autumn Fair the main fund raising event for this Parish, has had to be cancelled.

However, The Luxury Christmas Hamper which because of your donations in past years has always been amazing and very well received, will continue this year. From this Sunday a box will be left in the entrance of both churches for Hamper donations. A separate flyer accompanies this newsletter with a list of suggested requirements for the hamper – the list will also

be on the notice boards in both churches. There are 3 prizes in the raffle which will be drawn on Sunday 29th November and be overseen by Father Darline.

- 1. The Luxury Christmas Hamper**
- 2. Afternoon Tea at Mill End Hotel**
- 3. 6 bottles of wine**

To keep everything as safe as possible there will be no tickets as such. We ask that you mark an envelope **'CHRISTMAS HAMPER'** with your name and contact details on the back and place £5.00 in the envelope along with your details. This is your ticket and should be posted through the Presbytery letter box at Okehampton or placed in the box provided at Chagford. Every £5 must be in a marked envelope. Please be as generous as you can and have as many entries as possible to increase your chance of winning and to increase the amount raised. In previous years some parishioners have not wished to purchase raffle tickets but prefer to give a donation instead. We respectfully ask that the same procedure is followed but please could you add the word - **DONATION** to the front of the envelope. More details on the flyer attached.

Churches are open on Sundays for Mass: Both of our churches are open now for Masses on Sundays. People who wish to attend the service please arrive at least 15 minutes early for the services and 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 wear a mask or face covering, and keep this on throughout the service, except when receiving communion. As autumn approaches and COVID-19 cases are increasing, we must be diligent in keeping everyone safe. COVID-19 can present with a range of symptoms including raised temperature, cough or cold, sneezing, a loss of sense of smell or taste, vomiting or diarrhoea. Please do not attend the church if you have any of these symptoms. Masses will continue to be available on Zoom.

Family catechesis: A very well made resource for Family catechesis has been produced by Fr. Anthony Pillari, former Chaplain to Lanherne. It is free of charge and comes with the Bishop's recommendation.

Our Lady of the Rosary Family Catechism

www.olrfamilycatechism.com

An entire online video catechism course which provides children and their families with the unique opportunity to learn the timeless truths of the Catholic Faith according to the classic Baltimore Catechism. Voice of the Family (SPUC) offers this excellent resource completely free of charge.

The engaging and professional videos cover all 37 lessons of the Baltimore Catechism and provide free activity packs, that catechists or parents can use and adapt according to the abilities of their children, for each lesson. The website includes several introductory & explanatory videos, an information pack, and the possibility of registering for a free account in order to access all videos and materials.

You are invited to take advantage of this excellent resource.

For more information visit: olrfamilycatechism.com

Abortion Pill Reversal: SPUC has set up an abortion pill reversal service working with Dr Dermot Kearney, president of the Catholic Medical Association. The procedure was pioneered in the US and, it has been through the help of these American doctors, who coordinate the service, that we have been able to set up the service in this country. Women who have only taken one abortion pill and do not wish to continue with the abortion, are advised to contact the American service: www.abortionpillreversal.com to make an internet-based call or to use the chat feature or email: help@apr.life The helpline is monitored 24 hrs per day. The American service, which is insuring the British team, will then immediately contact British doctors who will prescribe the appropriate dose of progesterone to try and save the baby. There is a 65+% success rate. More details in the attachment.

The Pope's Intention for November: Artificial Intelligence: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Prayers: Please pray for: Mike Edwards, Doreen Hughes, 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, 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.