

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

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Plymouth R.C. Diocese

Reg. Charity No. 213227

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3rd Week of Advent

Year B

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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	12 th December	6.00 pm	online only	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	13 th December	9.00 am	Chagford (in church)	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		11.00 am	Okehampton (in church)	
Tue	15 th December	7.00 pm	online only	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BL. VIRGIN MARY
Wed	16 th December	10.00 am	online only	
Thurs	17 th December	10.30 am	online only	O Sapientia
Fri	18 th December	10.00 am	online only	O Adonai
Sat	19 th December	6.00 pm	online only	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	20 th December	9.00 am	Chagford (in church)	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		11.00 am	Okehampton (in church)	

Churches open for Masses: Both of our Churches are open for Sunday Masses. Please be reassured that all the Masses will continue as usual online as well as in the Churches. There are additional 12 seating places made available in the Parish Hall at Saint Boniface Okehampton with a possibility to watch the Mass on a big screen live streamed via a projector. Father Darline would come around with the communion to them immediately after distributing at the Church. Although this plan is made for the Christmas Mass, we can still have it on Sundays provided we have enough stewards to assist. May I appeal to young parishioners to come forward to help with this. For more details, please contact Father Darline on darlinemsfs@gmail.com and Ann Radnor on theradnors@hotmail.com

Christmas Hamper: The friends of St. Boniface and Holy Family are organising the draw for the Christmas Hamper to take place this Sunday 13th December after the 9 am Mass at Holy Family Chagford. More details in the attachment.

Parish Audit: There is a document attached with the email titled 'Parish audit 2020'. This has come down from the Diocese to help the parishes to carry out their mission. We are already doing most of what has been mentioned in the document but I would be grateful if you all fill in as much as you can and send it back to me. The last date to receive the filled in document is 10th January 2021.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas services

Thursday 24th December 2020

8.00 pm: Carols followed by Midnight Christmas Mass (ONLINE ONLY)

Friday 25th December 2020

9 am: Christmas Mass at Chagford in the Church as well as Online

11 am: Christmas Mass at Okehampton in the Church as well as Online

There is no limit to online attendance. Please feel free to invite your family and friends for the online services. However, the church attendance is by booking only.

Please contact Justine Frain for Holy Family, Chagford on jmfrain@aol.com

Ann Radnor for St. Boniface, Okehampton on theradnors@hotmail.com

We apologise but we cannot accept Christmas cards for parishioners to pick up this year due to the pandemic. Maybe you could donate the cost of a pack of cards to a charity or to the running costs of the church?

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.

Interactive Mass via Zoom, Facetime and Skype: All our Masses will be live on all these platforms. The zoom link, meeting ID and password are the same as before. Please feel free to share this information with your neighbours, family members and friends. These are usually sent to you every week via email.

The next CWL Zoom is Wednesday 16th at 4pm and invites will go out Wednesday lunchtime. The meeting ID for Wednesday is 510 704 0360 and the password is Okeham. The weekly Thursday Zoom Rosary continues and the next is on 17th December at 4pm and the invite will go out Thursday morning and all are welcome. The meeting ID for the Rosary is 510 704 0360 and Password Rosary. Note the passwords are case sensitive.

Caritas' Christmas newsletter: We are all called to Welcome the Stranger but many people are unsure how they can help others during this time of continued lockdown. Caritas has produced a Christmas Newsletter which offers some practical suggestions for action and links to prayer resources. <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Caritas-at-Christmas-Newsletter-2020.pdf>

Thank you so much to those of you who are regularly contributing through standing order and sending the cheques so that we can continue to pay the bills. This is very much appreciated. In these troubling times it is comforting to know how much people care about our beloved parish. Those of you who wish to consider making your offering to the church by monthly standing order, Please email either our Gift Aid Organiser Mary Binns on embinns@hotmail.co.uk or Father Darline on darlinemsfs@gmail.com and the details that you need can be sent to you. For those parishioners who wish to continue to make weekly donations in cash, if possible, please put the usual amount to one side each week and bring the total when we are finally able to come together again. We understand that during these difficult times, other people may be buying your essentials and you therefore need to keep your cash available to pay these kind volunteers, so please feel free to post a cheque (made payable to Saint Boniface RC Parish, Okehampton) to the Presbytery if this is easier.

MISSIO Calendars: These will be available for Red Box holders in the church porches from 6th December, or Steve will be happy to send a copy to anyone who will not be attending church in person. Please phone Steve on 01837 861689 or email mcksteve@aol.com. Thanks.

AVE MARIA CRISIS PREGNANCY SUPPORT: From December 14th, the Ave Maria Crisis Pregnancy Support line will be open between 7.30pm – 9.30pm every evening. The helpline number is 01752 916074

The team on the end of the phone are probably known to many of you: Michele Thomson, Deborah Van Kroonenburg and Christina Beards.

Free virtual Gospel liturgies for primary schools: This was done by Fr. Jon Bielawski with the help of some Franciscan Friars. I watched a few of the videos. They are great and I encourage our Parishioners and the children to have a look at them. Please click on the links for more information.

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/theepisodes/seriestwo>

Fratelli Tutti – Some initial reflections: Caritas Plymouth is preparing a number of short videos to offer a reflection on each chapter of the Encyclical. One reflection will be shared each week over the coming 8 weeks. We hope that the videos will provide food for thought and encourage people to read the full text. The reflections are all on our Diocesan Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/plymouthdiocese/videos>

The Pope's Intention for December: For a Life of Prayer: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Prayers: Please pray for: Ann Durden-Higgins, Mike Edwards, Doreen Hughes, Derek & Ruth, Pat, Jackie Mc Intyre, 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.