

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

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20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent

Year B

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**Times of Masses & Services**

Sat	19 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm	<b>online only</b>	<b>Alice Egan RIP</b>
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Chagford</b> (in church) <b>Okehampton</b> (in church)	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
Tue	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	7.00 pm	<b>online only</b>	O Rex Gentium
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.00 am	<b>online only</b>	O Emmanuel
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>online only</b>	<b>Carols followed by Midnight Christmas Mass</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Chagford</b> (in church) <b>Okehampton</b> (in church)	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b> <b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm	<b>online only</b>	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Chagford</b> (in church) <b>Okehampton</b> (in church)	<b>HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>

**Big thank you to all:** Many thanks to you all for the generous giving towards the Christmas Hamper and the draw. The total money raised is £1,247. Special thanks to Pam Pemperton and Margaret Haxton for their insight and hard work in running this event successfully.

**Christmas Mass attendance booking:** Holy Family church, Chagford will be at capacity for Christmas Day, so anyone else who hopes to attend will need to join via Zoom rather than in person.

There are spaces for 3 people in church and 4 spaces in the hall at St. Boniface Okehampton. Please do hurry up to book your place. For details contact Ann Radnor on [theradnors@hotmail.com](mailto:theradnors@hotmail.com)

**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**

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.

**More Volunteers please:** Although we are organised for Christmas, we are still looking for parishioners, who don't fall into the vulnerable category, to step forward to help with stewarding duties on Sundays. If we can attract more parishioners to steward it would be possible to continue to open the church hall and have the mass projected on a

screen, communion may then be offered at the end of the service by Father Darline. All PPE and cleaning materials are provided. For more details about what it entails please contact Ann Radnor by email [theradnors@hotmail.com](mailto:theradnors@hotmail.com)

**Parish Audit:** This document was sent to all our Parishioners last week via 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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**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](mailto:embinns@hotmail.co.uk) or Father Darline on [darlinemsfs@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**The assisted suicide lobby** have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide by conducting a review of the law. Now the Government has recently resisted these attempts and emphasised their commitment to neutrality on this issue. More details in the attachment.

**MISSIO Calendars:** These are available for Red Box holders in the church porches, 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](mailto: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.

**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.

