

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

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OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
Year B

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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	26 th December	6.00 pm	online only	Mary Lyons RIP
Sun	27 th December	9.00 am	Chagford (in church)	HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
		11.00 am	Okehampton (in church)	Cathy Lane RIP
Tue	29 th December	7.00 pm	online only	David Gerard Jarvis RIP
Wed	30 th December	10.00 am	online only	6 TH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
Thurs	31 st December	10.30 am	online only	7 TH DAY OF THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
Fri	1 st January	10.00 am	online only	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Sat	2 nd January	6.00 pm	online only	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	3 rd January	9.00 am	Chagford (in church)	2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
		11.00 am	Okehampton (in church)	Brooks Family & Hawkins Family RIP

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year 2021: I wish everyone a happy Christmas and hopefully a better New Year 2021. As you all know this year Christmas unlike the past years had its own challenges due to COVID 19. However, with the cooperation and help of our Parishioners and the volunteers we managed to have three Masses. Many thanks to all the volunteers for making the Christmas celebration safe for us in both the Churches and the Parish Hall. Thanks also for the cards and gifts.

More Volunteers please: Many of those who watched the Mass on Christmas day on the big screen in the Parish Hall said how loud and clear the entire Mass was. I had the joy of going around to distribute the communion as I did in the Church. I suggest that we continue this practice every Sunday provided we have couple of more stewards there. So, 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

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

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.

Parish Audit: This document was previously sent to all our Parishioners 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 10th January 2021.

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 embinn@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 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. 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 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. More details in the attachment.

The Pope's Intention for January: Human Fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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