

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

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Plymouth R.C. Diocese

Reg. Charity No. 213227

6th December 2020

2nd Week of Advent

Year B

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Times of Masses & Services

Sat	5 th	December	6.00 pm	online only	First Mass of Sunday
Sun	6 th	December	9.00 am	Chagford (in church)	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
			11.00 am	Okehampton (in church)	
Tue	8 th	December	7.00 pm	online only	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BL. VIRGIN MARY
Wed	9 th	December	10.00 am	online only	
Thurs	10 th	December	10.30 am	online only	
Fri	11 th	December	10.00 am	online only	
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)	

Churches open for Masses: Both of our Churches open on Sunday 6th December onwards for Sunday Masses. Please be reassured that all the Masses will continue as usual online as well as in the Churches.

Christmas Hamper: The friends of St. Boniface and Holy Family are organising the draw for the Christmas Hamper to take place at the weekend of 12th/13th December. So, please hurry up to post your tickets either through the letter box in the Presbytery or contact Pam or Margaret. Their details are on the flyer in the attachment.

Christmas Masses: Lots of discussions have been going on for the last two weeks and Many of our Parishioners have been contacted about the Christmas services. The result of that communication has helped to reach the following decision.

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. More details to follow.

Father Darline is aware that there were many suggestions in addition to the above-mentioned services. All the suggestions were seriously considered and the final decision had to be taken to have these services only given the challenges involved under the present difficult situation we are in. Hopefully, we might have better climate next year and we will be able to celebrate the Christmas as before.

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.

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.

Caritas Plymouth has prepared a list of Covid-19 Support for Individuals - November 2020: The list will be available on our website as well as send to all on our email list. The information signposts individuals to some places where people can access support during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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: 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.