



The Catenian Association - Exeter Circle
Strengthening family life through friendship and faith

**‘Practicing Catholic between your 16th and 25th birthday?
 Thinking of helping on a Lourdes Pilgrimage or similar project?**

The Catenian Association Bursary Fund may be able to help you financially. The Catenians are an organisation of Catholics founded to promote friendship and support, and to strengthen Catholic family life. It is a lay organisation and strictly non-political.

For further details, speak to David Gale (07977 411121) or Bob Bannister.

Giving QR codes



Scan the code to the left to give to the main Parish of The Most Holy Trinity account.



Scan the code to the right to give to the Lyme Regis Restoration Fund account.

The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity

Priest in Charge: Father Jacek Kostuch
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Parish office hours

Please note the parish office will be closed from Wednesday 21 December until Tuesday 3 January.

(In emergencies, Father Jacek can be contacted on 07776 082408)

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*The Parish
 of the
 Most Holy
 Trinity*



*St Mary's
 Church,
 Axminster,
 EX13 5BE*



*SS Michael &
 George Church,
 Lyme Regis,
 DT7 3HS*



*St Augustine's
 Church,
 Seaton,
 EX12 2AJ*

Sunday 1 January 2023

O God, be gracious and bless us.

Mass Readings:

First Reading: Numbers: 6:22-27

Second Reading: Galations 4:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: 66

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Mass times		Mass intentions
Sun 1 Jan <i>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</i>	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Julia Frances KNIGHT RIP and Mary, her sister For our Parish
Mon 2 Jan	No Mass	
Tues 3 Jan <i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	Axminster 7pm	Alexander J.H. KNIGHT and wife and children rip
Wed 4 Jan	Seaton 10am Eucharistic Adoration until 11.30am	Sue BOUSEFIELD ints.
Thu 5 Jan	Lyme Regis 10am Eucharistic Adoration, until 11.30am	Elizabeth MORRIS ints.
Fri 6 Jan <i>Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord</i>	Lyme Regis 10am followed by brunch Seaton 12:30pm Axminster 7pm Followed by festive get together	Gertrude Annie HEAL and husband rip
Sat 7 Jan <i>First Saturday 1st Mass of the Baptism of the Lord</i>	Axminster 10am Seaton 5.30pm	Kathy HAWKINS ints. For all baptised in our Parish 2022
Sun 8 Jan <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	All deceased members of the KNIGHT family of Cannigton For our Parish
Confessions: Saturday - Axminster from 10:45 - 12:00, during Eucharistic Adoration as above, otherwise by arrangement.		



The Pope's Prayer Intention for January For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Our wishes and gratitude

"I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord." *[Gospel Acclamation for Mass during the night – Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ]*.

Our wish for you, and all dear, for this Christmas and 2023 is that you have this encounter with Jesus who is born to us so that in Him our joy may be complete. Happy Christmas and every blessing for 2023.

Fr. Jacek; Fr Anthony; Bp Emeritus Christopher and Canon George.

Thank you for the generous gifts; cards with kind wishes and for all you do to support our ministry among you.

The Feast of The Epiphany - Thursday 5 January

The Feast of Epiphany is a holy day of obligation. Come and celebrate with us on Thursday 5 January: **10am at Lyme Regis, followed by brunch, and 7pm at Axminster, followed by a festive get together.**

Catholic Children's Society Prize Draw to win a signed Exeter Chiefs rugby ball and a signed Plymouth Argyle football

To be in with a chance, please visit the following link before 12 noon on Thursday, 5 January 2023 to enter our Crowdfunder prize draw

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/exeter-chiefs-rugby-ball-plymouth-city-football>

Thanks to both clubs for kindly donating these balls so that we can raise some money to support our Essential Grants programme to help more vulnerable children and their families.

On behalf of all the trustees and staff at CCSP, we wish all our families, supporters and donors a Blessed Christmas.

Please take time to visit our nativity over the Christmas period.

The collection will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) as it works across the Diocese, spreading God's love and giving families hope in times of crisis.

**Father, we are filled with the new light
by the coming of your Word among us.
May the light of faith shine in our words and actions.
Amen**

Reflection

In today's liturgy our gaze continues to be turned to the great mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God, while with particular emphasis we contemplate the Motherhood of the Virgin Mary.

In the Pauline passage we have heard (see Gal 4: 4), the Apostle very discreetly points to the One through whom the Son of God enters the world: Mary of Nazareth, Mother of God, Theotokos.

At the beginning of a new year, we are invited, as it were, to attend her school, the school of the faithful disciple of the Lord, in order to learn from her to accept in faith and prayer the salvation God desires to pour out upon those who trust in his merciful love.

Salvation is a gift of God; in the first reading, it was presented as a blessing: "The Lord bless you and keep you!... The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Nm 6: 24, 26).

Prayer resources and Spiritual resources for New Year

This may be what you are looking for -

Pray as you go - Down To Earth (pray-as-you-go.org)

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/series/57-downtoearth>

Or on Hallow webpage or App (only some parts are free to use)

<https://hallow.com/blog/new-years-prayers>

As we come to the end of a New Calendar perhaps consider reviewing your 'Rule for Life'

What is a Rule of Life?

"A Rule establishes a rhythm for life in which is helpful for being formed by the Spirit, a rhythm that reflects a love for God and respect for how He has made us." *The CS Lewis Institute*

Some resources to help with this:

'Why You Need a Rule of Life & How to Make One'

<https://thosecatholicmen.com/articles/make-rule-life/>

<http://bit.ly/3CiQJfF>

As we come to the end of a New Calendar perhaps consider committing to 'First Friday Devotions' or 'First Saturday Devotions'.