



CAFOD Advent Appeal 2022: Open a door to hope

This Advent we are asking for your help on behalf of families who ordinarily know how to cope, but are now living through the worst drought in 40 years.

Your gift could open the door to hope and give a resourceful mum like Nyanguet what she needs today and long into the future. A donation today would provide food she needs to survive as well as precious seeds she needs to grow for the long term. To donate online, go to <https://cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a World gifts brochure at the back of the church.

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

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Sunday 4 December 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.

Mass Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: 71 (72)

Second Reading: Romans - 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Sun 4 Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	Axminster 9am, Lyme Regis 11am
Tuesday 6 Dec <i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>	Axminster 7pm, Eucharistic Adoration until 8.30pm
Wed 7 Dec <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop Doctor</i>	Seaton 10am, Eucharistic Adoration until 11.30am
Thu 8 Dec <i>The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Lyme Regis 10am, Eucharistic Adoration, until 11.30am Seaton 12.30 pm, Axminster 7pm
Fri 9 Dec <i>St. Juan Diego</i>	10am Axminster
Sat 10 Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	Seaton 5.30pm
Sun 11 Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent	Axminster 9am, Lyme Regis 11am
Confessions: Axminster from 10:45 - 12:00, during Eucharistic Adoration as above, otherwise by arrangement.	

The Pope's Prayer Intention for December Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



A commentary on Isaiah by Eusebius of Caesarea A voice of one crying in the wilderness

The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of our God. The prophecy makes clear that it is to be fulfilled, not in Jerusalem but in the wilderness: it is there that the glory of the Lord is to appear, and God's salvation is to be made known to all mankind.

It was in the wilderness that God's saving presence was proclaimed by John the Baptist, and there that God's salvation was seen. The words of this prophecy were fulfilled when Christ and his glory were made manifest to all: after his baptism the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove rested on him, and the Father's voice was heard, bearing witness to the Son: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

The prophecy meant that God was to come to a deserted place, inaccessible from the beginning. None of the pagans had any knowledge of God, since his holy servants and prophets were kept from approaching them. The voice commands that a way be prepared for the Word of God: the rough and trackless ground is to be made level, so that our God may find a highway when he comes. Prepare the way of the Lord: the way is the preaching of the Gospel, the new message of consolation, ready to bring to all mankind the knowledge of God's saving power. Climb on a high mountain, bearer of good news to Zion. Lift up your voice in strength, bearer of good news to Jerusalem. These words harmonise very well with the meaning of what has gone before. They refer opportunely to the evangelists and proclaim the coming of God to men, after speaking of the voice crying in the wilderness. Mention of the evangelists suitably follows the prophecy on John the Baptist.

What does Zion mean if not the city previously called Jerusalem? This is the mountain referred to in that passage from Scripture: Here is mount Zion, where you dwelt. The Apostle says: You have come to mount Zion. Does not this refer to the company of the apostles, chosen from the former people of the circumcision?

This is the Zion, the Jerusalem, that received God's salvation. It stands aloft on the mountain of God, that is, it is raised high on the only-begotten Word of God. It is commanded to climb the high mountain and announce the word of salvation. Who is the bearer of the good news but the company of the evangelists? What does it mean to bear the good news but to preach to all nations, but first of all to the cities of Judah, the coming of Christ on earth?

(Office of Readings for 2nd Sunday Advent – Reading 2)

Dipping into the Catechism - A response to the Synod

Copies are available to view or download from the parish website. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the parish office.

For more information, contact: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Counters for Axminster

Can you spare about an hour once a week to count and bank the parish collections? If we have enough volunteers, the counting could be done on a rota basis. If you are able to help, please speak to Fr Jacek after Mass or contact the Parish office.

Hospital visits

If you are going into hospital as a patient and would like a Catholic Priest to visit during your stay please let us know or in an emergency ask someone to give consent for a visit on your behalf otherwise we are unable to visit.

If you would like to be included in our prayers for the Sick and Housebound, and have this publicised in the Newsletter, please contact the Office.



60 Club Draw Winners

Congratulations to the lucky November winners of the 60 Club, this month drawn by Fr Jacek at St Mary's.

First prize - £100	Alex and Pat McCulloch
Second prize - £50	Rosemary Smith
Third prize - £30	Tony Norman

Parish Christmas Raffle

Tickets are now available at the back of the church.

Please support our Christmas Draw and pick up booklets at the back of the church to sell to family and friends. **There are lots of great prizes to win!**



It's Bring Your Baby Jesus to Church Day!

The Third Sunday of Advent (11th December) marks John Paul II's beloved tradition of 'Bambinelli Sunday.'

St. John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy where he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent during his Angelus address. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home. St John Paul II blessed the figurines of those present and told them to assemble before the manger scene with their family in a spirit of prayer.

So bring your Baby Jesus crib figure – if you have grandchildren or God children perhaps bring one for them that you can send to them as their first Christmas present. We will try to provide some figures for those who do not have one.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) - Christmas cards

Please show your support for the Catholic Children's Society by purchasing a pack of Christmas cards at the back of the church. **Now, more than ever the Society needs your help.**