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The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity

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*The Parish
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*SS Michael &
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*St Augustine's
Church,
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Sunday 19 March 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent

'The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want..'

Mass Readings:

First Reading: 1 Samuel:16:1,6-7,10-13 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:18-14
 Responsorial Psalm: 22 Gospel: John 9:1-41

	Mass times	Mass intentions
Sun 19 March Laetare Sunday <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Gramia Frazier RIP FM Rev. Bernard FW Pearse RIP
Tues 21 March	Axminster 7pm	David Waters RIP
Wed 22 March	Seaton 10am Mass	Matthew Waters (in sickness)
Thu 23 March <i>St Turibus of Mogrovejo</i> <i>Bp. Patron of Lima</i>	Lyme Regis 10am Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 11:30am	Fr Anthony Cockram (int's)
Fri 24 March First Mass of Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	Axminster 10am Mass Followed by Stations of the Cross Lyme Regis 7pm Axminster 7:30pm Mass Malayalam Confessions from 6:30pm	
Sat 25 March Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord <i>1st Mass of Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Seaton 10 am Axminster 10am Visiting priest Followed by confessions Seaton 5.30pm	 Samantha Land (int's)
Sun 26 March <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	
Confessions: Saturday - Axminster from 10:45 - 12:00 Weekdays - during Eucharistic Adoration as above, otherwise by arrangement.		

Let us keep in our prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish including Matthew Waters and Liz Berry.

Mass in Malayalam - Friday 24 March

There will be Mass in Malayalam at Axminster, 7:30pm. An opportunity is offered for confessions in Malayalam from 6:30pm

Confession at Axminster on 25 March

Mgr. Can. Keith Mitchell will be visiting Axminster to hear confessions on Saturday 25 March, 10:30 - 12:00.

Maundy Thursday

We are looking for volunteers to participate in the washing of feet at Seaton on Maundy Thursday. Please speak to Fr Jacek if you can help.

The final draw of the 2022-23 60 Club will take place Sunday 26 March after Mass at Axminster

Don't forget 60 Club subscriptions for 2023-24 are due on 1st April. If you are not a member of the Club, now is your chance to join. Speak to Julie or Fr Jacek, or pick up an application form.

Job vacancy: Clerk to the Board of Governors St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Axminster

Tasks involve minute taking, compiling and filing reports for meetings and distributing updates from Plymouth CAST Trust to the Governing Board. Training will be provided.

This is a paid contract equivalent to two hours per week, with flexibility to organize your time around Board meetings taking place approximately every six weeks through term time.

If you feel this is something that you would like to apply for, please forward your CV along with a covering letter to Liz Tompkins, Chair of Governors, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Lyme Road, Axminster EX13 5BE.



Welcomers needed at Seaton

We are looking for a few more welcomers to join the rota at St Augustine's. If you are able to help, please speak to David O'Brien or Monica Watts-Hunt.

Stations of the Cross – we will celebrate this traditional liturgy twice a week in Lent, once during the day and once in the evening.

If you would like to lead one of these please contact Fr Jacek. There is a choice of texts – these will be provided on request.



Missio boxes are available to collect at Axminster.

Please see Joe after Mass.



Reflection for 4th Sunday Lent

The man born blind questioned Jesus about the Son of Man, *tell me who is so that I may believe in him.* Our Lord answered with supreme majesty, *you are looking at him; he is speaking to you.* When our Lord pronounced this most majestic word, almost saying his name, *I am*, the man worshipped him. Life had become so simple, so very simple, It is never God who makes our lives complicated or morose or unhappy. It is we who do it by **not realising** the grace of being forgiven, being freed to confess the truth about ourselves because we have been forgiven. A person who has been forgiven is a happy person, a person who is a tease ... Spiritually we still grieve for our sins and our faults, but we go forward when we are forgiven. In the Gospel for today, our Lord is giving us an actual happening and letting us take for ourselves a spiritual parable of our own blindness or sinfulness, which he heals. In being healed of blindness we find new courage. I think we can be confident that this blind beggar would in no way have spoken to those Pharisees like that if he hadn't been cured by the Lord. A great courage comes with being forgiven. Perhaps the man's parents were so frightened because they hadn't been forgiven enough, or hadn't been forgiven yet ... When we confess our sinfulness, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can know that we have been forgiven. If we understand what sinfulness is, then we hurry forward. We weep in our hearts, but we do not sit down and weep. We are on the move. It will be wonderful in eternity to know just what this blind man did afterwards.

(Extracted from a reflection 'The courage that comes from being healed'; by Mother Mary Francis of Our Lady, P.C.C.)

A note for Mothers Day

The origin of this celebration was a day-off given to servants to go and visit their Mum's once a year.

Christianity adopted this day to include celebrating the fact that the Church is referred to as our Mother. So people would go to visit the church where they were Baptised and consequently it was a gathering of the family.

This has grown into a celebration of the importance of Mothers in society as a whole and celebrating the significant role that Mothers have had and have in stabilising society. We remember our own experience of Motherhood – those who are Mothers; our Mothers who have died and those who's Motherhood has been evident in society through nurturing even when for whatever reason they don't have their own child or children.



Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion

The next session of this year's programme is at Axminster 2 April (Palm Sunday).

Let us pray for those called to the Easter sacraments, that they may find joy in the love of the Lord.

For all those who walk alongside the Elect and candidates, for catechists, sponsors and Godparents, may they be generous in faith and caring in support.

