

Preparation for Sacraments – starting October 2023

If you wish to be prepared; your child to be prepared or know someone who wishes to receive one of the Sacraments then please write with your request by the mid September 2023 to axminster@prcdtr.org.uk.

School places available at St Mary's, Axminster

There are still places available for five year olds moving into Year 1.

If you wish your child to attend St Mary's, and they fit the age criteria, please register via the Devon County Council School Admissions service online. If you are Catholic, ensure you indicate this on your admission application.

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

Ministries - Can you help?

Readers, Altar Linen; Welcoming; Flowers. Please speak to Fr Jacek.



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

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The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity

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Sunday 10 September 2023

'O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.'

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: 94

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

	Mass times	Mass intentions
Sunday 10 September <i>23rd Sunday of OT</i> EDUCATION SUNDAY	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	School pupils and staff FM John Carey RIP
Monday 11 September	NO MASS	
Tuesday 12 September	NO MASS - Adoration from 7-8pm	
Wednesday 13 September	Seaton 10am	Matthew WATERS (in sickness)
Thursday 14 September FEAST: The Exaltation of the HOLY CROSS	Lyme Regis 10am Followed by Adoration to 11:30am Axminster 7pm	Parish intentions
Friday 15 September Mem. Our Lady of Sorrows	St Marys School 9.15 am Axminster 12.30pm <i>Funeral Mass: Michael SULLIVAN RIP</i>	New School Year
Saturday 16 September <i>1st Mass of 24th Sunday of OT</i> <i>EVANGELII GAUDIUM DAY - The Spread of the Gospel</i>	Lyme Regis 12.15 - Celebration of Sacrament of Marriage - Sophie WELSH & Jamie POCOCK Seaton 5:30pm	For new University Year
Sunday 17 September <i>24th Sunday of OT</i> EVANGELII GAUDIUM DAY - The Spread of the Gospel	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Parish intentions Luis BACUNGAN RIP
Confessions: No Confession this Saturday. Available by arrangement.		

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Funeral Mass for Michael Denis SULLIVAN - Friday 15th September

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Denis SULLIVAN who died on 7 August. Please also pray for his wife Yvonne and family at this difficult time. The funeral Mass will be at St Mary, Axminster at 12:30 on 15 September.

Funeral Mass for Isabella Gibson - Wednesday 27 September

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Isabella Gibson who died on 6 September and for her family and friends. The funeral will take place on 27 September at St Mary's Axminster at 12 noon.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Education Sunday - 10 September 2023

There will be a second collection this weekend.

Education Sunday is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education. The theme is 'The Armour of Light'. The armour of light, instead of shutting out dangers from the world like traditional armour, brings light and warmth to the people. If we take seriously that we are indeed a people of light and hope in Christ, let us make a start on this Education Sunday to think about ways in which we can journey together with the children and young adults in education, so they find hope, light and a place where they can flourish.

There will be a second collection next weekend for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday.

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14th) celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion.

The basilica, named the Martyrium, and the shrine, named the Calvarium, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.

However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: *"We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."*

If you wish to, there will be an opportunity to have your own cross blessed during Mass on Thursday 14th September.

Reflection

Jesus seeks to ensure that his disciples live in harmony and unity - an ideal to strive for. Community action has a particular power of witness and evangelization. However, where there are close contacts, it is also easier to get hurt. Divisions and lack of forgiveness in the community spoil God's plans. The Gospel shows ways to reach the person who we are in conflict with. When the methods of persuasion are exhausted, there is still the way with the greatest power: love. If a brother or sister has become a stranger 'like a pagan and a tax collector', having been seduced by false opinions and desires, it is necessary to speak to them using the most fundamental language: care and respect. We know how Jesus treated publicans and sinners. Let us remember Zacchaeus, whom Jesus was able to spot up the sycamore tree. To be a disciple of Jesus is to accept that God desires the salvation of all people. Hope does not allow us to doubt that everyone can change. In a situation of sin, the person involved is first and foremost a tragic victim. Jesus invites us never to fight against the people, but always for the people.

Lord Jesus, instill in my heart the same concern and sensitivity for my neighbor as You had for tax collectors and sinners. Don't let me give up relationships that require a lot of patience from me. Amen.

Celebration of Sacrament of Marriage

St Michael and St George, Lyme Regis, Saturday 16th September.

Please pray for Sophie Welsh and Jamie Pocock who celebrate their marriage next Saturday.

CARITAS SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Caritas September newsletter is available to read online, full of uplifting news of Love in Action in our parishes and upcoming events. <https://tinyurl.com/ycktkp79>

Notes for your diary...

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop - Open to all!
16 September 10:30 - 14:30 - St Mary's, Axminster**

In our Parish there is a need for Extraordinary Ministers when Communion is to be received under both kinds - Host and Chalice; and occasionally for taking Communion to the Sick and Housebound. Any Baptised Catholic of good standing can be invited by the Parish Priest to have this Ministry delegated to them for a defined period. **Please speak to or write to Fr Jacek for further details.**

SPC National Conference 22 - 24 September 2023

The SPUC National Conference is taking place at Kents Hill Training and Conference Centre, Milton Keynes. Full board is £200 per adult; children aged 5 - 17yrs: £100 and under 5's are free.

To book contact katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk Assistance may be available if you wish to go but can't afford to.

Our Parish Social Event - Saturday 28 October 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Taking place at Uplyme Village Hall. More details coming soon!