

### 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 mid September 2023 to [axminster@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto: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.



#### Giving QR codes

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

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



### The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity

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## Sunday 17 September 2023

*'The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy'*

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: 102

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

	Mass times	Mass intentions
<b>Sunday 17 September</b> <i>24th Sunday of OT</i> <i>Evangelii Gaudium Day</i> <i>The Spread of the Gospel</i>	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Parish intentions Luis BACUNGAN RIP
<b>Monday 18 September</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday 19 September</b>	Axminster 7pm	Pam Cooke's int's
<b>Wednesday 20 September</b>	Seaton 10am	Beata KRZYSZKOWSKA int's
<b>Thursday 21 September</b> <b>FEAST of St Matthew -</b> <b>Apostle and Evangelist</b>	Lyme Regis 10am Followed by Adoration	Elizabeth HOLMES intentions
<b>Friday 22 September</b> <b>FEAST Dedication of the</b> <b>Cathedral (1880)</b>	Axminster 10am	
<b>Saturday 23 September</b> <i>1st Mass of 25th Sunday of OT</i>	Seaton 5:30pm	Beata KRZYSZKOWSKA int's
<b>Sunday 24 September</b> <i>25th Sunday of OT</i> <b>The Harvest: The Fruits of</b> <b>Human work and the reverent</b> <b>use of Creation</b>	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Parish intentions In thanksgiving for the Harvest
<b>Confessions:</b> Saturday - Axminster from 10:45 - 12:00, or 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 Isabella Gibson - Wednesday 27 September

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

*Eternal rest grant unto Isabella O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen*

### Harvest Sunday - 24 September

As we prepare to celebrate Harvest Sunday and give thanks, it is a good opportunity to think about how we can personally commit to help those in need in our community. If you are able, please try to commit to bringing one thing each week or each month to donate to our local food banks, and show support to those who coordinate providing help to our local families in need.

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

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel".

The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

Please give to the second collection at the end of Mass to support the work of the Mission Directorate. Thank you.

### Notes for your diary...

#### SPC National Conference 22 - 24 September 2023

To book contact [katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk](mailto:katherinehampton@spuc.org.uk) Assistance may be available if you wish to go but can't afford to.

#### SAVE THE DATE:

**Parish AGM:** - Friday 29th September 7.30pm to 8.30pm and Saturday 30th September 11am - noon. Taking place at St Mary's, Axminster

**Our Parish Social Event** - Saturday 28 October 7.30pm to 9.30pm

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

### Reflection

God's children, us, are encouraged to imitate their Father (God) - how little it takes to persuade the king in the parable to show mercy. One sentence and one gesture change the debtor's fate. Where there is divine and human forgiveness, harmony and joy return.

The servant naively thinks that the promise to repay the debt will get him anything. He asks for a deferral of repayment. The Lord knows the man's heart and forgives him the debt.

It is impossible to comprehend and to deserve God's mercy.

We, you and I, cannot earn our salvation by showering God with your promises of improvement. Salvation is always the work of freely given grace with which we are invited to cooperate.

The experience of someone showing us mercy is an opportunity to learn from this and translate this into our own lives, into our attitude towards others. Hardness of heart and vindictiveness lead to an apparent victory, but actually to overwhelming sadness. God is more pleased with the imitation of His mercy than with sterile inerrancy. Seventy-seven times means always.

*Lord Jesus, every absolution I receive in the confessional is one more reason to sing God's gentleness forever. Blessed is the guilt, since You smooth it out and show the immensity of Your love for me. Amen.*

### Celebration of Sacrament of Marriage

**St Michael and St George, Lyme Regis, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

Please continue to pray for Sophie and Jamie Pocock who celebrated their marriage on 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>

### 60 Club Monthly Draw

The next draw will take place at Lyme Regis after Mass Sunday 24th September. Winners will be announced the following week.

60 Club

### World Day of Migrants and Refugees – 23 September

We are all invited to reflect on the challenges facing migrants and refugees and how we as Christians are called to respond.

You can find a link to Pope Francis' Message and an inspiring story of our parish's answer to the call to Welcome the Stranger on the diocesan website

<https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/csstory/>



### Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) -Annual Appeal - Thank you!

A very big thank you to all who contributed to the second collection for the CCS(P). We raised £445.90 in support of the charity. You can still donate via their website <https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/>