



A reminder to please return your Red Boxes to St Mary's. Thank you.

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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The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity

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In the absence of a Parish Safeguarding Representative, any concern of a safeguarding nature should be raised with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team who can be contacted on 01364 645430 or email safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk - see also <https://bit.ly/3PWtPAI>

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 29 October 2023

'I love you, Lord, my strength.'

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
 Responsorial Psalm: 17

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

	Mass times	Mass intentions
Sunday 29 October <i>30h Sunday of OT</i> <i>World Mission Day</i>	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Parish intentions For Peace
Monday 30 October	NO MASS	
Tuesday 31 October	Axminster 7pm Followed by Adoration	FM: Alexander and J.H. Knight RIP
Wednesday 1 November Sol. All Saints Holy Day of Obligation	Seaton 10am Axminster 10am Lyme Regis 12 noon Axminster 7pm	Int. Matthew WATERS (in sickness) For all people
Thursday 2 November All Souls Day	Lyme Regis 10am Seaton 12:30pm Axminster 2:30pm	FM: Henrietta and Alice PHILPOT RIP For Holy Souls
Friday 3 November	Axminster 10am	For all those who have died in our parish in the past year
Saturday 4 November Mem. Charles Borromeo Bp 1st Mass of 31st Sunday of OT	Axminster 10 am Seaton 5:30pm	For Bp Christopher RIP and all priests of our Diocese who have died in the past year
Sunday 5 November 31st Sunday of OT	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	For all who have died from our families and friends.
Confessions Saturday 10:45 - 12:00 or by arrangement		

Bring Hope this Christmas!

Christmas Shoeboxes will be collected from St Mary's on 10 November so make sure you have brought your items along in time! Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Halloween (eve of All Saints)

Halloween's origins date back to the pre-Christian Celtic festival of Samhain, also known as All Hallow's Eve, or the Day of the Dead. The Celts divided their calendar into four seasons and Halloween marked the midway point between the Fall Equinox and the Winter Solstice – a scary time of year!

While most people now associate Halloween with trick-or-treating and dressing up, the Catholic Church has previously taken issue with the holiday's association with the occult.

In 2014, the International Association of Exorcists, which was officially recognized by the Vatican, said that they wanted to see Halloween banned due to a spike in occult activity around the holiday.

Speaking in Rome in October 2014, Father Aldo Buonaiuto said the association's emergency number receives around 40 calls a day around October 31. The most common are calls from parents who are concerned that their child has become involved in the supernatural.

Fr Buonaiuto said, "Many say Halloween is a simple carnival, but in fact, there is nothing innocent or fun about it – it is the antechamber to something much more dangerous." "There are always more evil rituals, animal sacrifices, desecrations of cemeteries and thefts of sacred bones at the time of the 31 October," he said, adding, "For the sects it is the best time of year to recruit new members. From here the door to the devil can be opened. For this reason, it's necessary for us to speak out and not play down the danger."

To try and counteract this, the Catholic Church in Italy launched "Holyween," an anti-Halloween celebration which includes masses, prayer vigils, the celebration of the saints, and the triumph of good over evil. Buonaiuto added, "While most people are steeped in zombies and horror we put on our door or windows a light or an image evocative of the saints. And then there will be Masses, prayer vigils and worship to celebrate the saints and victory of good over evil."

Pope Francis speaks about the works of the Devil more than his predecessors did. Pope Francis isn't the only pope in recent times who has been accused of putting a dampener on Halloween fun. In 2009, Pope Benedict also spoke out against these celebrations calling them anti-Christian and dangerous.

Even back then, Buonaiuto, who was then the head of the Catholic Church's anti-occult and sect unit, warned parents that Halloween "promotes the culture of death." He said, "Halloween pushes new generations towards a mentality of esoteric magic and it attacks sacred and spiritual values through a devious initiation to the art and images of the occult. At best, it gives a big helping hand to consumerism and materialism."

So how should we respond? – If invited to a Halloween party if you feel you need to go, go dressed up as a Saint so as to start a conversation which will contribute to reclaiming Halloween as the eve of 'All Hallows' – All Saints

Do you know the power of prayer? When in a state of grace, a soul from can be freed from purgatory if, on any or each day from November 1st - 8th, you devoutly visit a cemetery even if mentally, and pray for the departed. On All Souls Day, devoutly visit a church and recite the 'Our Father' and the Creed.

Reflection

Israelites, in addition to the ten commandments they received from God through Moses, had six hundred and thirteen other laws that did not make their lives any easier. Hence, they often asked which of the commandments was more important, which one should they pay the most attention to.

To the lawyer, Jesus replies that the greatest is the commandment of love. Love for God, followed by the resulting love for one's neighbour. A love that, according to Scripture, is expressed by loving with all one's heart, soul, and strength. Jesus adds: with all his mind. Because everything in man begins with thoughts. It was a nuisance for the Jews to scrupulously observe the slightest rule. And isn't it difficult for us today to observe only one thing? This burden consists in the personal commitment of the mind and heart to make an effort to discern: what is love and what is not? Is something breaking the commandments or just following the path of love? Isn't it often the case that we would rather have an answer to everything than have to think about the fact that the fulfilment of the commandments is love?
Lord Jesus, I ask you for the grace to love with my whole person. I ask that I be able to think well, speak well, do well. Amen.

60 Club Draw The 60 Club monthly draw will take place this Saturday after Mass at St Augustine's. Good luck!

Dates for your diary

4 November 1-3pm – Prayers at other Cemeteries in our Parish

Reflection on the Gospel of Mark in preparation of the new Church year

Tuesdays 7th, 14th 21st, 28th November after evening Mass.

Wednesdays 8th 15th, 22nd, 29th November after 10am Mass at Seaton

Thursdays 9th, 16th 23rd, 30th November after 10am and Adoration at Lyme Regis (start time 11am)

Fridays 10th, 17th, 24th November and 1st December after 10am Mass at Axminster.

Advent Retreat Day – Saturday 9 December 2023, St Rita's Centre "PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD" FAITH AND WORKS led by Deacon Nick Johnson.

The day will begin with coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The first talk will start at 10.15am. Adoration in silence (with opportunity for Confession) will be at 11.15pm. The second talk will be at 12.10am. Lunch will be served at 1pm. The third talk will start at 2.10pm. Mass at 3.15pm. The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00.

Bookings can be made by phone, email or online (www.stritascentre.org/events) Payment can be made on the day.

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