

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



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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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>

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Sunday 5 November 2023

'I keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.'

First Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

Responsorial Psalm: 130

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

	Mass times	Mass intentions
Sunday 5 November 31st Sunday of OT	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	For all who have died from our families and friends.
Monday 6 November	NO MASS	
Tuesday 7 November <i>St Willibrord Bp</i>	Axminster 7pm Followed by Adoration	
Wednesday 8 November	Seaton 10am	John & Christina DANIEL (in sickness)
Thursday 9 November <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Lyme Regis 10am Adoration	
Friday 10 November <i>St Leo the Great Pp Dr</i>	Axminster 10am	
Saturday 11 November 1st Mass of 32nd Sunday of OT	Axminster 10 am Seaton 5:30pm	Bridget & Thomas Carthy, Tommy Carthy, Joanne Fish, Frances & Maurice Foxwell, John & Richard Walden, Gordon Harris
Sunday 12 November 32nd Sunday of OT REMEMBRANCE DAY - ALL VICTIMS OF WAR	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Parish intentions All who are Victims of War - Remembrance Day
Confessions Saturday 10:45 - 12:00 or by arrangement		

Parish Variety Event 28 October

Thank you to all who made our parish event so successful and enjoyable last Saturday, from the wonderful variety of acts, volunteers with food, the raffle and setting out the hall, to those helping clear away at the end. The inclement weather didn't dampen our spirits and it was wonderful to see so many taking part. Proceeds raised from the raffle and donations (before expenses) came to £469.

Christmas Shoeboxes will be now collected from St Mary's on 14 November so make sure you bring your items along in time. Thank you!

60 Club Draw Congratulations to the lucky winners of the draw last weekend.
1st prize £100 - Fr Jacek, **2nd prize £50** - Chris Latham, **3rd prize £30** - Joe Harrison

There will be a second collection next week for the Columban Missionaries. The Society of St. Columban is an international Catholic missionary organisation centred on the Eucharist that crosses boundaries of culture and religion to reveal, by word and by action, the Good News of Jesus Christ.
We will also be welcoming Fr Pat O'Beirne from the Columban Missionaries to our parish next weekend.

Dates for your diary

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, Axminster.

16 November 7-8pm - The Catholic Faith Explained Webinar - An introduction to 'Sycamore' a comprehensive programme about the Catholic faith and its relevance today. For more info email deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

22 November 2023 7pm - Red Wednesday Mass and Rosary for persecuted Christians, St. Peter's, Crownhill.

Vocations newsletter

The Diocesan vocations team has launched a digital newsletter to keep enquirers and the parishes informed about our work. <https://priesthoodplymouth.co.uk/>

Seaton Foodbank would like to start collecting Christmas items for

Christmas hampers. Items we would like to put in the hampers are: Christmas cakes and puddings (any size), tins ham/chicken, boxes chocolates and biscuits, children's chocolate bar selection packs, special crisps, small bottles of J20 type drinks and mince pies (with long dates).

Parishioners are also invited to donate Christmas items to the Lyme and Axminster foodbank boxes. Many thanks for your generosity and support.

Reflection

Today's Gospel is challenging to read for Bishops and Priests but it also a text for reflection for all of us.

We have the right to demand that our shepherds be holy and live exemplary lives. So that they not only tell us how to live, but above all give testimony with their lives. More than ever before, the world needs witnesses of Christ living a living faith expressed in action.

We are to pray for holy shepherds for the Church, we are to pray for them, because they need our support. Satan attacks them the most because of the goods entrusted to them and over which they take care. Evil was, is and will be, but Jesus does not question authorities. It is He who stands behind the priest's authority when he teaches on behalf of the Church. *"It is no marvel, then, that in a similar fashion the good words which are said for the people in prayer, even if they be said by bad bishops, [priests] are nonetheless heard not on account of the prelates' perversity, but on account of the peoples' devotion"* (St Augustine of Hippo - Against the Letter to Parmenian, 2.8.17).

This requires great humility and humility from us to remain obedient to Him and His Church when we see evil among the shepherds.

Jesus' words from today's Gospel give us hope: whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Lord Jesus, Your words apply to everyone, to every authority. Help me to be the best person and witness I can be. Amen.

On Tuesday 7 November, we are delighted to welcome the priests from our Diocese (Exeter Deanery), under the leadership of Fr Jonathan Stewart (Dean), to the Exeter Deanery meeting which will take place at Ss Michael & George, Lyme Regis.

Volunteer drivers needed!

Axminster Care Service needs help with getting local people in need their medical appointments. Do you like to drive, enjoy meeting people, and can spare 2 to 3 hours a week? Email axminstercare@prcdtr.org.uk or call 01297 35500. All mileage and expenses paid!

Advent Retreats at St Rita's Centre – Ignatian silent individually guided retreats.

Nov 24th-26th (Fri-Sun) weekend £140

Nov 26th – 1st Dec (Mon-Fri) midweek £240

Nov 24th – 1st Dec (Fri-Fri) 6 day £450

Cost includes full board and lodging, and could be offset for individuals who may have difficulty with the donation.

Email Diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or 01752 769164

Job Vacancies

Parish Secretary Blessed Sacrament, Exeter, 28 hrs/wk. Closing date 20 Nov.

Finance Supervisor, St Boniface House, 35 hrs/wk, Closing date 13 Nov

Email recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk for more information and to apply.