

Pope's prayer intention for January

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Diocese of Plymouth - An invitation to survivors

The Safeguarding Team held our first survivor group meetings in November, which were an opportunity for anyone with lived experience of abuse to share their thoughts and ideas about survivor support work in our diocese. We are very grateful to all those who generously gave their time to attend these meetings.

The diocese would welcome the opportunity to hear from others who have a lived experience of abuse, so that we can involve them in the work we are doing to support survivors. If you would like to help us with this work, or you would like to find out more, please contact: Sophie Scagell (Survivor Support Caseworker) on 01364 645436 / sophie.scagell@prcdtr.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING EVERYBODY EVERY DAY

Being loved and kept safe go to the very core of the Church's ministry to all and particularly our children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

You can speak to our parish safeguarding reps in confidence if you have any concerns or if you are offering to carry out a ministry that will need a DBS check and want to find out more.

Safeguarding contacts:

Julie Gray
Liz Tompkins

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

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Sunday 21st January 2024

'Lord, make me know your ways.'

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Responsorial Psalm: 24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

	Mass times	Mass intentions
Sunday 21st January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (WORD OF GOD SUNDAY)	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am Axminster 4pm (Malayalam Mass)	Tony and Vicky Norman intentions FM: John CAREY RIP
Monday 22nd January	NO MASS	
Tuesday 23rd January	Axminster 7pm	
Wednesday 24th January St Francis de Sales Bp Dr Patron of writers, editors, journalists	Seaton 10am	Moira WATERS intentions
Thursday 25th January	Lyme Regis 10am Seaton 12 noon	FM: Monica LEAN RIP Funeral Mass Roimond Russell
Friday 26th January	Axminster 10am	Pat BURTON intentions
Saturday 27th January 1st Mass of Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Seaton 5:30pm	Doreen BAKER intentions
Sunday 28th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY)	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Justice and Peace FM: Thomas ELLIS RIP and Margaret ELLIS RIP and deceased family and friends
Confessions: After weekday Masses; Saturday 10:45 - 12:00; or please ask		

Sunday of the Word of God - 21st January

- For our openness to the Word so that we may hear God speaking to us today.
- For all called to proclaim the word; that they may communicate God's message to all

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18-25 January

There will be a Christian's Together in Seaton (CTiS) celebratory worship service in St. Gregory's Church on **Sunday, 21 January at 3.30pm**. All are welcome.

Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January

Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is marked on 27 January each year and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed.

Read more: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/holocaust-memorial-day>

Lepra Appeal for World Leprosy Day Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th January 2024

Leprosy is a disease that affects the nerve endings in the hands and feet and can affect the blink reflex of the eyelids. If not treated early enough it can cause life-changing disabilities and even blindness. But it is curable!

For 100 years Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes. Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice wherever it exists, to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable healthcare.

With your help we can find, diagnose and treat more people affected by leprosy so that they will have a brighter future, full of hope. <https://lepra.org.uk/>

Follow this link to watch Lepra's Faith Appeal Presentation <https://bit.ly/421D1Ju>

There will be a thanksgiving Mass at Westminster Cathedral with Bishop Declan Lang on Fri 26th January at 2:30pm.

Restoration of War Memorial - St Mary's RC Church

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of restoration, perhaps in memory of family or friends, or those who have no-one to remember them, who gave their lives for this country in the two World Wars or in conflicts since, please make a donation to the fund that has been set up. This can be done by cheque (payable to PDT Parish of the Most Holy Trinity), by cash at the Parish Office or online via this dedicated link. <https://bit.ly/3GBbjt8> For more details on the project, please visit the parish website: <https://thecatholicpn.org/>

Ordination of Bishop-elect Christopher Whitehead

All spaces for the ordination on 22 February have been allocated. There will be a **Service of Solemn Vespers at the Cathedral on 21 February**, the evening before the Ordination and Installation Mass, which will be open to all wishing to come and pray with and for the Bishop-elect as he prepares for the following day's profoundly significant ceremonies.



Reflection for 'Word of God' Sunday – This most powerful prayer ready to feeds us

Francis Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuân was born April 17, 1928, in Huế, Vietnam, into a deeply Christian family. At the age of 12 he entered the minor seminary of the Huế Vicariate and, after years of study and formation in the major seminary, was ordained a priest on June 11, 1953. He was consecrated bishop on June 24, 1967. After eight years of pastoral leadership, on August 15, 1975, he was arrested because he was considered politically dangerous. He was accused of serving foreign governments that were undermining the success of the communist revolution in the country. Under military escort he was immediately deported to the village of Cay Vông, ten kilometers from his diocese. During his imprisonment he managed to have the faithful send him wine in a small bottle on which was attached a label that read, "Medicine for stomach ache," and some hosts concealed in a flask to prevent dampness, celebrating Holy Mass in the palm of his hand, with three drops of wine and one drop of water. He lived in the presence of Jesus, whom he kept in his shirt pocket. This is how he describes these moments: "I will never be able to express my great joy; every day with a few drops of wine and a drop of water in the palm of my hand, I celebrated Mass. This was my altar and this was my cathedral! Each time, I had the opportunity to stretch out my hands and nail myself to the cross with Jesus, to drink with him the most bitter chalice.... They were the most beautiful Masses of my life.... Thus, in prison I felt the very heart of Christ beating in my heart. I felt that my life was his life and his was mine." Deprived of a Holy Scripture text, by writing on small pieces of paper all the passages he remembered, he managed to compose a small personal Bible: "In prison, I could not take the Bible with me; so I collected all the little pieces of paper I could find and made myself a tiny diary, in which I listed more than 300 sentences of the Gospel; this reconstructed and rediscovered Gospel was my daily vademecum, my precious treasure chest from which I drew strength and nourishment through lectio divina." The imprisonment lasted thirteen years, nine of which were in solitary confinement. Finally, he was freed on November 21, 1988, on the memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple. For Van Thuân, the connection was as simple as it was immediate: "Our Lady freed me!" During these years, Van Thuân clung to the Word of God and the Eucharist, trying to memorize passages from the Bible, and united himself spiritually with the Virgin Mary: "When the physical and inward miseries in prison become too heavy and prevent me from praying, then I say the Hail Mary, I repeat the Hail Mary hundreds of times.

<https://bit.ly/4241huy>



Roimond Russell RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roimond Russell who died on 6 January. His funeral will take place at St Augustine on Thursday 25 January at 12 noon.

Feast of St Bakhita Modern Slavery Event Thursday 8th February 10.30-12.30 Church of the Assumption of Our Lady, Abbey Road, Torquay

Modern slavery is a serious crime being committed across the UK in which victims are exploited for someone else's gain. It can take many forms including trafficking of people, forced labour and servitude. Victims are often hidden away, may be unable to leave their situation, or may not come forward because of fear or shame. We will hear from a range of speakers about modern slavery in our Diocese and how we are called to respond. There will be practical advice about what to look out for and what we can do if we have concerns. The event will be followed by a free light lunch.

Email caritas@prcdtr.org.uk or call 01364 645425 to register so we can plan catering.