

Pope's prayer intention for April

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face various parts of the world.

Rise to Our Cause on Ascension Thursday

This year's Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)'s 'Rise to Our Cause' event is being held at **St Mary's in Poole on Ascension Thursday, 9 May 2024.**

The event will start with Holy Mass at 12 noon, followed by lunch and our guest speaker David Wells. There will also be a raffle to raise money for CCSP so please don't forget to bring a little cash.

Tickets **£10** with all proceeds going towards helping vulnerable children and families living in our Diocese. Please email vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk or call **01364 645420**

Axminster Food Bank supports many local families with weekly groceries but their stocks are VERY LOW. If you can spare any food items such as tins of soup, beans or veg, biscuits, tea bags, please put them in the plastic box in the church porch.

Seaton Foodbank Last week, Seaton helped 16 adults and 3 children, providing 399 meals. We are now short of; tins of meat for hot meals; stew/mince/chilli con carne/ chicken/hot dogs. Also tins of cold meat, corned beef/ham. Packets of flavoured savoury rice/noodles sponge pudds, honey, jam, toothpaste, savoury paste, tins of rice pudds, tinned peaches, tinned tomatoes, long-life semi-skimmed milk and washing powder/liquid. **Thank you to all for your generosity.**

SAFEGUARDING EVERYBODY EVERY DAY

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 and 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

The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity

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Sunday 14th April 2024

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-1

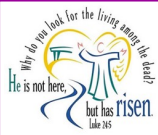
Second Reading: 1 John: 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm: 4

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

	Mass times	Mass intentions
SUNDAY 14th April 3rd SUNDAY of EASTER	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Alison SCLATER RIP (John Steinmann's cousin) FM: Monique LEAN RIP
MONDAY - 15th April	No Mass	
TUESDAY 16th April	Axminster 7pm (followed by Adoration until 8.30pm)	
WEDNESDAY 17th April	Lyme Regis 11am	Requiem Mass for Richard SHARMAN RIP
THURSDAY 18th April	Seaton 10am (followed by Adoration and Confession to 11.30am)	Moira WATERS intentions
FRIDAY 19th April	Axminster 9.15am St Mary's School All welcome	For the new term - for children; staff and their families
SATURDAY 20th April 1st Mass - 4th SUNDAY of EASTER	Seaton 5.30pm	Margaret DAVIES RIP (Died 27/02/2024)
SUNDAY 21st April 4th SUNDAY of EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Parish intentions Alan Davis RIP (10th anniversary on 17 April)
World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Axminster 3pm Holy hour before Blessed Sacrament	For vocations to the priesthood and those cur- rently serving in priestly ministry

Confessions: After weekday Masses; Saturday 10.45 - 12; or please ask.



Thank you to all who helped us to celebrate Easter so joyfully and beautifully.
Thank you also for your Easter wishes and Easter offering which provides significant financial support to parish priests.



Richard John SHARMAN RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Sharman who died on Saturday 6th April. **The Requiem Mass for Richard will take place at Ss Michael and George, Lyme Regis on Wednesday 17th April at 11am.**

Please also keep Richard's wife Marzena, and children Yahn and Maria, in your prayers at this most difficult of times.

Diocesan Priesthood – supporting formation of Men responding to this Vocation.

'The Eucharist is the medicine which can heal our individualist society' *Pope Benedict XVI*

"In an increasingly individualistic culture in which Western societies are immersed, and which is tending to spread throughout the world, the Eucharist is a kind of 'antidote' which operates in the minds and hearts of believers and is continually sowing in them the logic of communion, of service, of sharing: in other words, the logic of the Gospel," *Pope Benedict XVI*

Catholics believe that the bread and wine offered by Christ at the Last Supper literally became his body and blood — and that this same miracle is repeated by priests at every Mass since. Hence, the name of the feast: "Corpus Christi" Sunday or "Body of Christ" Sunday.

"From the Eucharist," ... "the risen Christ is truly present among his disciples and working with the power of the Holy Spirit. And in the following generations through the centuries, the Church, despite the limitations and human errors, has continued to be a force for communion throughout the world."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Eucharist as the "source and summit" of Christian life... "without the Eucharist, the Church simply does not exist."

Without Catholic Priests to celebrate Holy Mass the Eucharist is not available to us.

We have two men in formation in seminary for our Diocese and a further two maybe three starting formation in September 2024

Next week is World Vocation to Priesthood Day – please join our community to pray for this intention at the Holy Hour at St Marys, Axminster (3-4pm) on Sunday 21st April.

Second collection next weekend

If you can make a financial commitment to fund the formation of future priests please contribute to the second collection next week. I am minded that each person has different financial pressures so please make this contribution only if it is additional to your parish giving – I understand that not everyone is in the position to do this. Prayer is the fundamental to ensure we have vocations as encouraged by the Word of God 'Jesus said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2

PARISH CELEBRATION DINNER Thursday 25th April, 7.30pm

The Ship Inn, Axmouth - Book by 19th April! An occasion to get together over a meal and to celebrate Canon George CARRICK's 88th Birthday. Places are limited. £15 per head. Please complete and return the form at the back of the church.

Reflection for Easter – About 'Easter Duty'

While confession is necessary for the forgiveness of mortal sin, it is also a most important means of grace and a good spiritual practice for the forgiveness of venial sin. Pope John Paul II, in a general audience address given on September 15, 1999, reminded bishops of "the importance of the necessary pastoral care for instilling a greater appreciation of the sacrament [of penance] in the People of God, so that the message of reconciliation, the path of conversion and the very celebration of the sacrament can more deeply touch the hearts of the men and women of our day."

Our late Holy Father also stated, "It would, therefore, be foolish, as well as presumptuous, to wish arbitrarily to disregard the means of grace and salvation which the Lord has provided and, in the specific case, to claim to receive forgiveness while doing without the sacrament which was instituted by Christ precisely for forgiveness" ("On Reconciliation and Penance," No. 31).

Consequently, a faithful Catholic must never discount the spiritual exercise of confession, from beginning to end: to take the time to diligently examine ones conscience, to have contrition (i.e. sorrow for sin), to make a firm amendment not to sin again, to confess ones sins, and to receive absolution and the graces which heal the soul of sin, restore fully sanctifying grace and fortify it against future temptation. Regular confession of venial sin helps the individual to form his conscience better, fight against temptation, be aware of the occasions of sin and progress in the life of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Catechism*, No. 1458).

Yes, strictly speaking, the *Code of Canon Law* asserts, "After having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year" (No. 989). However, the *Code* also asserts, "It is to be recommended to the Christian faithful that venial sins also be confessed" (No. 988.2). (This regulation is a slight variation of the old "Easter Duty" prescribed by the Fourth Lateran Council (1215) which stated, "Every faithful of either sex who has reached the age of discretion should at least once a year faithfully confess all his sins in secret to his own priest. He should strive as far as possible to fulfill the penance imposed on him, and with reverence receive at least during Easter time the sacrament of the Eucharist.")

Only a legalist would suggest that a person only has to go to confession when in a state of mortal sin, thereby hinting that regular confession is not necessary. Regular confession is the recipe for sainthood, and all of the saints of our Church knew it. As we continue our Easter celebration, we must not forget those graces of forgiveness and reconciliation the Risen Lord offers to each of us through the sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).

(extract from article in *CERC*_Fr William SAUNDERS)

War Memorial Axminster – Works Update

Work on the removal of the pillar by the pedestrian crossing, the rebuilding of the base and laying tarmac on the pathways each side of the base has commenced and will continue on Saturday 20th & 27th April. The Calvary is currently undergoing restoration and it is hoped to re-erect it around mid-May. Parking will be restricted on those Saturdays to allow for the contractors' vehicles. **For access to Mass on these Saturdays, please use the entrance by the presbytery.**

Please support the fundraising appeal if you are able by cheque (payable to PDT Parish of the Most Holy Trinity), cash at the Parish Office, online via this dedicated link. <https://bit.ly/3GBbjt8> or hand your envelope to Fr Jacek or Julie.