

Pope's prayer intention for May

For the formation of religious and seminarians

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Catholic Children's Society: Rise to Our Cause on Ascension Thursday St Mary's in Poole on Ascension Thursday, 9 May 2024.

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. **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**

PLYMOUTH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 26 JULY 2024

6 nights £955 per adult sharing. Special Youth Section Price: £495pp sharing Includes flights, transfers, 15kg check-in luggage, cabin bag, 6 nights' full board, guided tours and visits. Full religious programme facilitated in conjunction with the Diocese of Plymouth. **For information, please contact: Fr Chris Findlay-Wilson**

Email: Christopher.Findlay@prcdtr.org.uk

To book, please contact: Joe Walsh Tours Tel: 0808 1890468 (Freephone)

Email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk Further details on the church notice board.

The Catenian Association supports youth

Any young Catholic aged between 16 and 24 who is going to Lourdes with the HCPT or with the Diocesan Pilgrimage as a helper can apply for some financial assistance. You do not have to have a connection with The Catenians to receive an award. To apply and for further information, go to www.thecatenians.com and click on Bursary Fund.

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

Priest in Charge: Fr Jacek Kostuch

The Priest's House

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Parish office hours

Monday - Friday 4pm - 6pm

Monday and Wednesday 10am - 12pm

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SS Michael &
George Church,
Lyme Regis,
DT7 3HS



St Augustine's
Church,
Seaton,
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Sunday 28th April 2024

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Second Reading: 1 John: 3:18-24

Responsorial Psalm: 21

Gospel: John 15:1-8

	Mass times	Mass intentions
SUNDAY 28th April	Axminster 9am	All our young people preparing for and taking exams
5th SUNDAY of EASTER	Lyme Regis 11am	Lidzia's intentions
MONDAY 29th April St Catherine of Sienna Dr Patron of Europe	No Mass	
TUESDAY 30th April St Pius V Pp (Survivors of Sexual Abuse)	Axminster 7pm (followed by Adoration and confession)	Fr Anthony COCKRAM's intentions
WEDNESDAY 1st May St Joseph the Worker (Human work)	Seaton 10am (Rosary at 9:40am) (Adoration and Confession to 11.30am)	For all employed and seeking employment
THURSDAY 2nd May St Athanasius Bp Dr	Lyme Regis 10am (Rosary at 9:40am) (Adoration and Confession to 11.30am)	Andrzej and Emma's intentions
FRIDAY 3rd May St Philip and St James Apostles FEAST	Axminster 10 am (Rosary at 10:40am)	Marc BUSH RIP
SATURDAY 4th May	Axminster 10am	Helen SMITH (in sickness)
The English Martyrs FEAST 1st Mass - 6th SUNDAY of EASTER	Seaton 5.30pm	All our young people preparing for and taking exams
SUNDAY 5th May 6th SUNDAY of EASTER	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Parish intentions Richard SHARMAN RIP (month mind Mass)
Confessions: 10:45 - 12 Saturday, or please ask Father to agree a time.		

War Memorial Axminster

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LEAFLET DROPS!

Over the coming weeks we would like to deliver fundraising leaflets through residential doors in Axminster. If you are able to, please take a bundle of leaflets and deliver to houses in your street or area. Take more if you would like to get your steps in as well as do good for our fundraising mission!

Visitors to St Mary's will see the restoration work is well under way, with the granite base in situ. The Calvary is currently undergoing restoration and it is hoped to reinstate it around mid-May.

Thank you for your patience whilst the works are carried out.

To donate to the Appeal, please ask Fr Jacek or visit the parish website for more details.



Our first draw of the 2024-25 60 Club draw will take place after Mass at St Augustine's this Saturday 27 April. Good luck!



The month of May in the Catholic church has a particular focus on Mary.

As a community, if you are able, please join us for praying the mystery of the Rosary at the following times.



Wednesday	Seaton - 9:40am - Seaton <i>(intention vocations to the priesthood and religious life)</i>
Thursday	Lyme Regis - 9:40am <i>(intention for all our families)</i>
Friday	Axminster - 10:40am <i>(intention for our school and all who have exams at this time)</i>

Diocesan Newsletter for the month of April, with the theme of The Holy Spirit

Now available to read at <https://bit.ly/4aMUM2L>

Axminster Foodbank

A big **THANK YOU!** Thanks to your help, there has been an increase in donations recently, enabling us to support around 100 people every week, for which they are extremely grateful. If you can spare any food items such as tins of soup, beans or veg, jam, biscuits, tea bags, please put them in the plastic box in the church porch.

Seaton Foodbank

Last week, Seaton helped 17 adults, 3 children and one tiny baby for food. We now need long-life semi-skimmed milk, squash, tinned tomatoes, tins of meat for hot meals; tins of chicken and chilli con carne, small tins of fruit, rice puddings, small washing powder/liquid, tomato soup, savoury paste, marmalade, washing up liquid, hot choc (made with water), large pads and large adult pull-ups (Tena).

Thank you to all for your generosity.

Download the latest Diocese Youth Events newsletter <https://bit.ly/4aGsLd8>

Reflection

As we listen to the Gospel for this Sunday, we are given guidance on the importance of having a living connection with Jesus. Jesus uses another very eloquent allegory, this time about the vine and branches to communicate to us. The Father is the one who cultivates the vine.

This would have been known to Jesus' listeners from their familiarity with the Old Testament (Isaiah 5). In Isaiah the vineyard was Israel, here the vine is Jesus. His disciples are twigs growing from a vine. The Father ensures that the branches bear fruit. Therefore, he performs two actions:

he cleanses those that bear fruit and cuts off those that do not bear fruit so that they do not burden the vine. A branch does not bear fruit if life-giving juices do not circulate in it.

The one who abides in Jesus, that is, is in a lasting relationship of living faith with Him, brings abundant fruit.

So every person has a choice: either to accept the teachings of Jesus and the principles of His Gospel and persevere in making his life fruitful, or to condemn himself allowing the death of life that God has given each person.

God's intention is for us to bear fruit through living communion with Jesus.

Father, I desire to be grafted onto the divine vine – Your Son Jesus. I want to take root in Him, draw from His grace, so that my life

**I am the vine,
you are the branches.**
John 15:5

FOR YOUR DIARY - SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass times: Wednesday 8th May - 1st Mass at 8pm (Axminster); Thursday 9th May - 10am (Lyme Regis); 10am (Seaton) and 12.00 (noon) - (Axminster). Please plan into your daily schedule Mass for this very important Solemnity.

Urgent CAFOD Sudan Appeal. Please support our second collection this weekend.

The people of Sudan need our help urgently, the UN is calling it 'the world's worst displacement crisis'; at least 8 million people have had to flee their homes, and now face yet another urgent crisis of extreme hunger.

Other ways to donate: Online www.cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal or text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10.

Your donation will help to support families with food packages and rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

ST. RITA'S OF CASCIA FEAST DAY - 22nd MAY 2023 AT ST RITA'S CENTRE

Principal Celebrant: Father John Dockerty

The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon followed by the blessing and distribution of roses for the sick. Two shops will be open that day for sale of religious articles; you can also make your orders on our website www.stritascentre.org and collect your items on site on the feast day. Hot drinks will be available all day but visitors should bring a packed lunch. The day will conclude with Benediction at 3 pm.

We would advise early arrival as car parking can be difficult if you arrive after 11.30am. For information, contact Krista Radzina on 01404 42635