

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.

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

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)

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

St Mary's RC Church, Lyme Road, Axminster EX13 5BE

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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 5th May 2024

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48

Second Reading: 1 John: 4:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: 97

Gospel: John 15:9-17

	Mass times	Mass intentions
SUNDAY 5th May	Axminster 9am	Parish intentions
6th SUNDAY of EASTER	Lyme Regis 11am	Richard SHARMAN RIP (month mind Mass)
MONDAY 6th May	No Mass	
TUESDAY 7th May	Axminster 7pm (followed by Adoration and confession)	
WEDNESDAY 8th May	Seaton Rosary 9:40am Mass 10am (followed by Adoration and confession)	
VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Solemnity	Axminster 8pm	
THURSDAY 9th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Solemnity	Lyme Regis 10am Seaton 10am Axminster 12 noon	Elizabeth MORRIS int's Veronica GRIFFITHS RIP (20th anniversary)
FRIDAY 10th May	Axminster Mass 10am Rosary 10.40 am	Frances MUNNICH int's
SATURDAY 11th May 1st Mass - 7th SUNDAY of EASTER	Seaton 5.30pm	Betty MUNNELLY (80th birthday)
SUNDAY 12th May 7th SUNDAY of EASTER (World Communication Day)	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Parish intentions Richard SHARMAN RIP
Confessions: 10:45 - 12 Saturday, or please ask Father to agree a time.		

Parish Event at Ship Inn, Axmouth: Thank you - 'Just a little note to say thank you. I am very grateful to you all, having received a large number of most beautiful Birthday Cards, and some of the most carefully chosen presents. Thank you all so very much.

It was great to see so many people from our Parish at the meal, my party, last week on Thursday evening. I will hold you in my prayers each day and continue to offer Holy Mass for your well-being and good health. God Bless you all - with much love. *Canon George'*

This was a happy and memorable Parish occasion. Donations made for this event covered all our expenses with £15 over for future parish events. Thank you. Fr Jacek



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
(intention vocations to the priesthood and religious life)

Thursday Lyme Regis - 9:40am
(intention for all our families)

Friday Axminster - 10:40am (intention for our school and all who have exams at this time)



There will be a second collection next weekend for World Communications Sunday. Thank you also for your generosity in supporting last weeks appeal for those who are without basics in Sudan

60 Club Draw

Congratulations to the winners of the 60 Club April draw.

First prize £100 - Julie and Tom Dunnon

Second prize £50 - John Burfitt, Third prize £30 - Doreen Thurgood

60 Club

Children, Youth & Families Prayer Gathering

All are invited to another inter-church prayer gathering on **Wednesday 8 May** from 11am to 12noon at the Baptist Church Kilmington - The Beacon, Whitford Rd, Kilmington, EX13 7RF.

Christians Together Prayer Group - St Gregory's Seaton

The Group meets in St. Gregory's on a Tuesday morning between 9am and 10am. You are welcome to come for the whole hour or just pop in as you wish.

Axminster Foodbank

We are currently supporting 100 people every week, for which the recipients are extremely grateful. If you can spare any food items such as soup, beans, jam, biscuits, tea bags, small bags pasta /rice, please put them in the box in the porch.

Seaton Foodbank

Last week, Seaton helped 11 adults, 4 children and 1 baby. Items needed: long-life semi-skimmed milk, squash, tins rice pudding, chilli con carne and small packs washing powder/liquid.
Thank you to all for your generosity.

Reflection The antidote to rejection and hatred in the world is the love of God, revealed in all its fullness in Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus reveals the depth of this love and its principles, which permanently transform the lives of His disciples. The love between the Father and the Son is their mutual bond. It is something that Jesus can call his love, because it characterizes Him and defines His person. He encourages his disciples to do the same: "Remain in my love." The verb "to abide" here describes a permanent bond, a deep, personal relationship with Jesus and, through Him, with the Father. God's love not only does not expect anything in return, but is also capable of giving itself up for others and sacrificing itself for someone else's good.



Lord Jesus, Source of true love, teach me the kind of love that you yourself show: lasting, rooted in the Father. Amen.

'Taking responsibility for our Parish according to our means'

As we start a new financial year, it is a good time for me to reflect on the work we have achieved across our Parish in the last twelve months, and to express my gratitude for the generosity people continue to show in their giving. Whether through joining our community to pray at Mass; sharing your gifts through ministries in our Parish; living the Gospel through outreach in the wider community or your financial contribution. All of these gifts are essential to fulfilling our Mission as a community. It is also important at this time for me to focus on our priorities for the year ahead. Our mission is to sustain and nurture every element of our parish, including: the spiritual needs of our parishioners; our buildings; our school and supporting those that come to us in need.

Some of this work comes at significant financial cost, particularly the running, maintenance and restoration of our buildings.

We will have all seen increases in our personal utility bills or the cost of having maintenance work carried out, this is no different for our parish buildings. In most cases, worse because of the compliance and conditions we have to adhere to when having work done. This has resulted in a significant increase in our running costs over the last year. Unfortunately, our regular income has not been keeping up with these increases.

In our Parish we rely heavily on the income from legacies which have been invested through our central investment fund. While this income has remained stable, due to volatile market conditions, we have not seen it increase over the last number of years, so it is not keeping up with the inflation we are seeing in costs.

With this in mind, I would ask those who can, to please consider the following:

Have your circumstances changed, perhaps you are now in a position to increase your regular giving?

Are you now a tax payer? If so, please sign up to our Gift Aid, this will increase your giving by 25% straight away at no extra cost to you.

Forms for this can be provided through the Parish office.

Is leaving a legacy to our Parish something you have considered to help secure the Parish longer term?

Over the next few months our 2023-2024 accounts will be reviewed and approved by the Diocese finance department. We will then be in a position to provide the Parish with a copy of these accounts and hold our annual open Parish meeting. Details of this will be provided in the newsletter closer to the time.

I thank you again for your continuing help and support to my ministry across our Parish and for sharing whatever gifts you can to enrich our community.

With gratitude and prayers. Father Jacek