

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.

Please join us at the Third Annual Mass for Marriage Saturday June 8th 2024 - Midday at Plymouth Cathedral

Send us your anniversaries to add to the Order of Service - whether you have been married for one week or sixty + years (or about to marry). Let us know too when your wedding will take place if you are engaged. Light refreshments will be provided and (not so light) wedding cake. For further information please contact: deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk

Caritas Anniversary Newsletter

This May marks the 5th Anniversary of Caritas Diocese of Plymouth's launch. Read about the their work at <https://tinyurl.com/2cdt6h5w>

Axminster Foodbank

We are currently supporting 100 people each 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 we helped 21 adults, 7 children and 1 baby for food, providing 588 meals. Shortages are: Long life semi-skimmed milk, tins of meat i.e. hot dogs, chicken, sausages with beans or spaghetti, ravioli, spaghetti Bolognese, sponge puddings, sugar, corned beef, custard, washing up liquid, savoury noodles, small jars coffee, tins tomato, chicken soup, marmalade, savoury biscuits, tinned fruit.

Thank you to all for your ongoing support!

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

Telephone: 01297 32135 or in an emergency 07776 082408

Parish office hours

Monday - Friday 4pm - 6pm

Monday and Wednesday 10am - 12pm

Email: axminster@prcdtr.org.uk Website: <https://thecatholictpn.org/>

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St Mary's
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EX13 5BE



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



St Augustine's
Church,
Seaton,
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Sunday 12th May 2024

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17,20-26

Second Reading: 1 John: 4:11-16

Responsorial Psalm: 102

Gospel: 1 John 17:11-19

	Mass times	Mass intentions
SUNDAY 12th May 7th SUNDAY of EASTER WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - THE RIGHT USE OF THE MEDIA	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Parish Intentions Richard SHARMAN RIP
MONDAY 13th May Our Lady of Fatima RM	No Mass	
TUESDAY 14th May ST MATTHIAS - APOSTLE FEAST	Axminster 7pm (followed by Adoration and confession)	
WEDNESDAY 15th May	NO MASS Fr Michael COLE Funeral at Plymouth Cathedral at 11 am	
THURSDAY 16th May	Lyme Regis 10am Rosary at 9.40 am	Sue BOUSFIELD int's.
FRIDAY 17th May	Axminster Mass 10am Rosary at 10.40 am	Fr Louis REUNIER RIP
SATURDAY 18th May VIGIL OF PENTECOST	Seaton 5.30pm	Fr Michael KOPPEL RIP (6th Anniversary)
SUNDAY 19th May PENTECOST SUNDAY EASTERTIDE ENDS after VESPERS	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am Axminster 4pm (Mass in Malayalam) Vespers 6pm Axminster	Jenny and David GALE int's. Parish Intentions
Confessions: 10:45 - 12 Saturday, or please ask Father to agree a time.		

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)



Farm Walk - Sunday 9th June 2pm

Parishioners are invited to Lane End Farm, Uplyme DT7 3UH, for an afternoon country walk and talk, on Sunday 9th June starting at 2pm. There will be lambs, sheep, calves, cows, chickens, tractors, views and more!



Children can ride in a trailer for some of the distance, which will be about 1½ miles on hillside pasture. Sorry no dogs allowed. If you know you will be coming please let the Parish Office know by Friday 7th June so we have a rough idea of numbers, but you don't need to book.

There will be a second collection this weekend for World Communications Sunday.

This year's theme is 'Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication'. Pope Francis writes that Artificial Intelligence is 'radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society. These changes affect everyone.'

Christian Aid Week 12th - 18th May



There will be a **concert** in **St. Gregory's** on **Sunday, 12 May at 3pm** to raise money for Christian Aid. See posters on the church gate.

There will be **coffee and lunch** at the **URC Church Hall, Seaton, 11am-1.15pm on Friday, 17 May**. See posters on the church gate.

Axe Valley Christians Against Poverty - St. Gregory's are hosting a **table top/crafts/cream tea** event on **Wednesday, 15 May 2pm-4pm**. Information will be available about free debt counselling services. For more information, contact Sharon Bruce on 07519 751999 or email sharonbruce@capuk.org

Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth

MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme and barbaric proposals. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>. The Bill will be debated on 15 May, so please contact your MP NOW.

Reflection On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' farewell discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples. At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested. Several important themes appear in this prayer. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between himself and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus include all his disciples in this union with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God Our Father. In this prayer, Jesus describes part of his mission in the language of protection. He has protected those who were given to him by the Father. In this we hear echoes of the dualism that is reflected throughout John's Gospel. Beginning with the opening chapter, the Evangelist John has presented Jesus' mission on earth in the context of a cosmic struggle between good and evil, represented by light and darkness. In Jesus' presence, his disciples have been protected from Satan. Now that Jesus is returning to the Father, he prays that his disciples will continue to be protected from the evil one. We can't help but note here the echoes of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, the Lord's Prayer.

We also see in this chapter the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. As Jesus' teaching and ministry was a source of consternation for some, Jesus knows that the world may not accept his disciples with open arms. Again, we hear echoes of John's theme that salvation is worked out through the cosmic battle between light and darkness. The world, according to John, prefers the darkness. Yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. Reading this prayer of Jesus during the Easter Season, through the lens of his Resurrection, we know that the light of Christ has overcome the darkness of sin and death in our world. In the opening line of this prayer, we hear Jesus pray that his disciples will be kept in the name that he was given by God. We know that the salvation is given to us in the name of Jesus, and that his name—"God saves"—announces his mission on our behalf.

(source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/seventh-sunday-of-easter-cycle-b-sunday-connection/>)

There will be a second collection next weekend for the Plymouth Secular Clergy Fund.

The Fund provides support for priests of our Diocese who are sick but in active ministry and also for retired clergy.

Big Church Pentecost Picnic

Sunday 19 May 11am - 4pm, Pecorama, Beer Come along for all or part of the day and join others from our local Church families. Bring all you need to eat and drink as no refreshments will be on sale. Suggested lunchtime 12.30pm and time of worship will be 2.30pm. There will be train rides and garden tours. Entry is free but donations can be made to Coastal Mission Community Churches. Email Rev. Shuna to let her know how many people you intend to bring.

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