

**Pope's prayer intention for December
For Pilgrims of Hope**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.
<https://thepopevideo.org>

Axminster and Lyme Regis Foodbanks

Items needed: cereal, soup, rice pudding, long-life milk, tins fruit, carrots, peas, potatoes, tomatoes, beans, tinned meats, tea bags, coffee, jam, biscuits, washing powder, liquid, shampoo, shower gel.

Seaton Foodbank Items needed: Long life milk, sugar, tinned tomatoes, carrots, sweetcorn, fruit, custard. Tinned meat for hot meals, tinned cold meat, tins and long life vegan and vegetarian meals, breakfast cereal, tins sponge puddings, spaghetti, sauces, custard, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, washing powder/liquid, shower gel.

Please note Seaton Foodbank will be closed until 8 January and Axminster Foodbank will be closed until 6 January.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity - your support this year has been very much appreciated by our volunteers and recipients!

**YOUTH EVENT - 13-17 Year-olds Residential: 24th – 26th January 2025
East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor**

Come and join other 13 -17 year olds from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10.

There will be workshops for you to join in which include: photography; music; art and filming. East Shallowford is a working farm giving you a chance to meet the animals and feed them. There is a small charge of £50 for the weekend. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://bit.ly/3COMGPQ>

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://thecatholicpn.org/>

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St Mary's
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Axminster,
EX13 5BE



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



St Augustine's
Church,
Seaton,
EX12 2AJ

Sunday 22nd December 2024

'Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved'

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Responsorial Psalm: 80

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



Our Parish School:
St Mary's
Catholic Primary,
Lyme Road, Axminster
EX13 5BE
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	Mass times	Mass intentions
SUNDAY 22nd December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) EXPECTANT MOTHERS	Axminster 9a m Lyme Regis 11am	Expectant Mums Parish intentions
MONDAY 23rd December St John of Kanty Pr Comm	Axminster 10am <i>(Confessions after)</i>	For all who are travelling at this time
TUESDAY 24th December VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD OBL SOL	Axminster 9am <i>(Confessions after)</i> Axminster 5.30pm (Carols) 6pm Mass Lyme Regis 11pm	For Peace and wise Peacemakers
WEDNESDAY 25th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD OBL SOL	Seaton 9.30am Axminster 9.30am Lyme Regis 11am	For Families For Parish intentions
THURSDAY 26th December St STEPHEN - PROTOMARTYR FEAST	Lyme Regis 12 noon	For our altar servers intentions
FRIDAY 27th December ST JOHN - APOSTLE and EVANGELIST FEAST	Axminster 10am	Marriage in crisis
SATURDAY 28th December THE HOLY INNOCENTS Mm First Mass of HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	Axminster 10am Seaton 5.30pm	For babies For all families
SUNDAY 29th December HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	FM: Julia Frances KNIGHT RIP and Mary RIP (<i>Julia's sister</i>) Parish intentions

Confessions: Sunday 22nd December (5pm - 6pm) Saturday: Axminster 10.45 - 12.00 (noon)

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Please keep in your prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish including Helen Smith, Liz Marney, Canon George, Mick Shephard, Mary Hart, Matthew Waters, Dinah Magrane and Tony Kavanagh.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Mass - 12 noon

Christmas Vigil

Axminster Carols 5:30pm, Mass 6pm

Lyme Regis 11pm



Christmas Day

Seaton 9:30am

Axminster 9:30am

Lyme 11am

Save the date: Day of Reflection – Saturday 1 February

University of Exeter Catholic Chaplaincy

Have you ever asked the question 'Is God calling me to Priesthood or to the Religious life?'. This 'Day of Reflection' for men will be held on Saturday 1 February from 10:00 to 16:00 at Exeter University Chaplaincy, Boniface House, Glenthorne Road, Exeter EX4 4QU.

The day will include Mass, a time of Adoration, a short conference, an opportunity for Confession and 'One to One talks' with serving Priests from our Diocese; and sharing food together (this will be provided – please let us know of special dietary requirements). Under 18s are welcome to attend with parents' permission.

For more information and to register your interest please contact Fr Jacek Kostuch on jacek.kostuch@prcdtr.org.uk or vocation@prcdtr.org.uk

Parish Christmas Raffle Grand Draw

This Sunday after 9am Mass in the school hall.

First prize £100 with lots more including prizes from Belluno Restaurant, Safar Restaurant, Dolly Hotdogs, Lyme Bay Winery and Forde Abbey.

Come along and join us for refreshments and festive treats!



The Year of Jubilee, 'Pilgrims of Hope', is almost upon us and we look forward to sharing it with you and your congregation. We hope this special year of reconciliation will transform our lives, our communities and the wider world and help us all return to a right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

CAFOD Introducing Jubilee Online session – 18th January, 10:30am-12pm

We are excited to invite the Catholic community to join us for our [general introduction to the Jubilee Year](#) with special guests including **Fr Jan Nowotnik**, Director of Mission for the Catholic Bishop's Conference, **Christine Allen**, CAFOD Director, and **Kayode Akintola**, CAFOD's Head of Africa Programmes. Hear what Jubilee years are about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year and beyond. Also featuring a special song by Catholic Group *Ooberfuse* and more. **Register here:** <https://bit.ly/4iKoJVu>

Reflection

The joy of the child in Elizabeth's womb can be compared to the joy of David when he jumped and danced in front of the Ark of the Covenant.

In what sense is this true? The ark, made exactly according to the instructions God gave to Moses, is a chest of acacia wood covered with gold. On top of it was a mercy seat and two cherubim of gold. In the Book of Exodus we read:

"From there, above the atonement board, from among the cherubim that crown the ark, I will reveal to you in words all the commandments that I give to the Israelites through you" (Exodus 25:22).

The Ark was therefore the place from which God spoke to Israel through Moses. Later it was also identified with the presence of God. It was sacred and no one could touch it except the priests appointed for this purpose. Similarly, Mary carrying the conceived Word of God - Jesus - under her heart is, like the Ark, a sign of God's presence among the people. She is holy and untouched in her virginal purity, intended only for God. It carries within itself the One who is the fulfilment of all divine promises. In Catholic tradition it is one of Mary's titles - Ark of the Covenant (*The Loreto Litany*).

O King of nations desired by them, cornerstone of the Church, come and save me, whom you created from the dust of the earth. Maranatha!



Advent 2024: Journey to Christmas and the Jubilee of Hope

Here is the **final reflection** in this series of reflections on the Sunday Gospel by Monsignor Robert Draper as well as other Jubilee related content to help us prepare for this special Holy Year, which officially begins on 24 December. If you cannot access the link, please ask the parish office for a per copy. <https://bit.ly/4gmOauN>

Gather 2025: Jubilate - A weekend of faith, formation and friendship

Friday 28th - Sunday 30th March 2025 Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay.

Booking forms available from the parish office, or email plymouthgather@yahoo.com for more information.



Open House with Fr Jacek - Friday 27 December

11:30am - 4pm

I am grateful for the support you give to my ministry here at the Parish of the Most Holy Trinity. Your support comes in so many different ways, too many to mention. As an expression of my gratitude, I would like to invite you to an open house event - drop in when you can to the Priest's House between 11:30am and 4pm. Food and drink will be provided. If you have visitors, you are welcome to bring them with you. No RSVP required.

Christmas wishes from Canon George CARRICK, Fr Anthony COCKRAM and Fr Jacek KOSTUCH

Thank you for all your thoughts, kind wishes and gifts which we have received. As we come to the end of Advent and enter Christmastime our wish for you is that you are open to receive the gifts which God is always ready to give you (*Philippians 4:19*). As we gather again at the Stable of Bethlehem may our reflection on the Truth of Christmas fill us with 'Hope that never disappoints' (*Romans 5:5*). Merry Christmas to you and all you hold dear.

