

Pope's prayer intention for January

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

<https://thepopevideo.org>

Flame 2025

The next Flame gathering is 15th March 2025.

If there are young people who wish to attend in our parish, it is possible that the Catenian Circle could support either with the ticket (£30 per head) or possibly transport to get to Wembley Arena.

Contact: Stephen Smith, President <https://cateniancircles.org.uk/westsomerset/>

The Catenian Association - Exeter Circle

Strengthening family life through friendship and faith

'Practicing Catholic between your 16th and 25th birthday?

Thinking of helping on a Lourdes Pilgrimage or similar project?

The Catenian Association Bursary Fund may be able to help you financially.

The Catenians are an organisation of Catholics founded to promote friendship and support, and to strengthen Catholic family life. It is a lay organisation and strictly non-political. For further details, contact David Gale (07977 411121) or Bob Bannister.

Recycle 4 Charity **Are you currently throwing away your old ink cartridges?**

Donate your unwanted ink cartridges in the green collection box at the back of St Mary's, or give to Fr Jacek, and help to raise funds for the **Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)**.

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/>

The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity



St Mary's Church, Axminster, EX13 5BE



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



St Augustine's Church, Seaton, EX12 2AJ

Sunday 29th December 2024

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22.24-28

Responsorial Psalm: 84

Second Reading: John 3:1-2.21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



Our Parish School:

St Mary's Catholic Primary, Lyme Road, Axminster EX13 5BE
T: 01297 32785

	Mass times	Mass intentions
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
MONDAY 30th December	Axminster 12noon	Marriages in crisis
TUESDAY 31st <small>December</small> St Sylvester Pp Comm	Axminster 10am Axminster 11pm	Thanksgiving for blessings received in 2024
WEDNESDAY 1st January 2025 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SOL	Seaton 12noon	
THURSDAY 2nd January St Basil the Great Bp Dr Mem St Gregory Nazianzen Bp Dr	Lyme Regis 10am	
FRIDAY 3rd January The Most Holy Name of Jesus Opt Mem	Axminster 10am	Bernadette MOSELEY RIP
SATURDAY 4th January VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD OBL SOL	Seaton 5.30pm	
SUNDAY 5th January (<i>transferred from 6th January</i>) OBL SOL	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	FM: All deceased members of the KNIGHT family of Cannington

Confessions: Saturday: Axminster 10.45 - 12.00 (noon) and by arrangement.

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 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. During this 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 and every good wish for the New Year 2025 for you and all you hold dear.



Bernadette MOSELEY RIP

Please pray for Bernadette ('Bernie') who's funeral with take place at East Devon Crematorium on Friday 3rd January, 2025 at 1pm.

Eternal rest grant unto Beenie, O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon her, may they rest in Peace.



Parish Crib Appeal

This year we have chosen to support Life Charity.

All money gifted at the crib will go to this charity which provides accommodation and support to expectant mothers.

Read more at <https://lifecharity.org.uk/>

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

60 Club Christmas Bumper Draw

The Christmas 60 Club draw will take place after Mass this Sunday at Lyme Regis. Good luck!

If you are interested in joining for 2025-2026, applications will be accepted up until the April draw 2025. Please ask Fr Jacek or call the parish office.

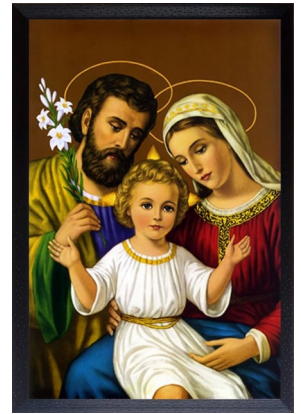


Reflection

Today's holy day encourages contemplation of Jesus, the Son of God. Coming into the world, he chose the human path of birth, growing up, growing in wisdom - in a family. A scene from the Gospel describes a difficult episode. Jesus was lost, separated from people he knew, but He was in a place that He saw belonged to His Father.

The twelve-year-old boy's answer certainly surprised Mary and Joseph. He also surprised the teachers he talked to, who were already full of admiration for His wisdom.

For Mary and Joseph, this answer is a reminder of what was about to happen: their Jesus would not stay at home forever, he would take up the mission for which the Father sent Him to earth.



Lord Jesus, obedience is the highest expression of love, it is beautiful reciprocity towards someone who loves and wants my good. I want to obey You out of love. Amen.

New Years Eve (31st December)

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11pm followed by a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Following this at Midnight there will be a small celebration. All are welcome.

Alternatively you may wish to come to the morning Mass (*Axminster 10am*) on the same day to offer your prayer of thanksgiving.

Jubilee Year - 'Pilgrims of Hope'

The reasons for Pope Francis announcing this Jubilee year are highlighted through his areas of concern: "the first sign of hope should be the desire for *peace* in our world, which once more finds itself immersed in the tragedy of war." (para. 8)

Looking to the future with hope also entails having enthusiasm for life and a readiness to share it. Sadly, in many situations this is lacking. A first effect of this is the *loss of the desire to transmit life ... a change leading to the desire of young people to give birth to new sons and daughters* as a sign of the fruitfulness of their love ensures a future for every society. This is a matter of hope: it is born of hope and it generates hope." (para.9)

Being in tune and responding to the needs of: prisoners; the sick; the elderly; the young; the poor; exiles, displaced persons and refugees (para.10-15)

<https://bit.ly/3DB3jtP>

I am open to receive ideas of how we can celebrate this Jubilee Year. Ideas to date include conferences of 'Hope'; a pilgrimage around or Parish; an event for our Parish organists at Buckfast Abbey; a Parish pilgrimage in UK.

Please help yourself to a Jubilee booklet, available at the back of the church.

