

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

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Parish office hours

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Monday and Wednesday 10am - 12pm

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Sunday 5th January 2025

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: 72

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a. 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



Our Parish School:

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	Mass times	Mass intentions
SUNDAY 5th January <i>(transferred from 6th January)</i> OBL SOL The Epiphany of the Lord	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	FM: All deceased members of the KNIGHT family of Cannington For our School for the New Term
MONDAY 6th January	No Mass	
TUESDAY 7th January	No Mass	
WEDNESDAY 8th January	Seaton 10 am	FM: Richard Henry Joseph ; Maud and Violet INGHAM RIP and deceased family and relatives
THURSDAY 9th January	No Mass	
FRIDAY 10th January	Axminster 10am	FM: Agnes Anne RAWLING RIP; Margaret ELLIS RIP and deceased parents and siblings
SATURDAY 11th January VIGIL OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Seaton 5.30pm	Parish intentions
SUNDAY 12th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>Liturgical end of Christmas time</i>	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	FM: Alexander J. KNIGHT RIP All Baptised in our Parish

Confessions: None this week apart from arrangement before or after Mass.

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.



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/>

Download the latest Plymouth Diocese newsletter <https://bit.ly/3XaaUaa> or ask at the Parish Office for a copy.

The latest Diocese of Plymouth 'Events for our Youth' e-newsletter is available to download via this link. <https://bit.ly/3zcJnvP>

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 past year has been very much appreciated by our volunteers and recipients!

60 Club Christmas Bumper Draw Winners

Congratulations to the Winners: £200 Doreen THURGOOD; £100 David and Georgina DOWDEN; £75 Christine CONDRON

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

What are we willing to sacrifice and what efforts should we undertake to meet God? I am sure that we have all at some time certainly heard the testimonies of people whose lives were transformed by their encounter with Jesus.

The three wise men, whom we hear about in today's Gospel, teach us that every revelation of the Lord, every encounter with God coming to us results in an invitation to choose a change in our path of life - a path that directs us to God's way.

The Solemnity of Epiphany is the day when we traditionally take our Christmas decorations down but Christmas still continues in the liturgical calendar until the next weekend when we celebrate 'The Baptism of the Lord'. Although liturgically this is what we do, the tradition still remains that we keep our Nativity Scenes/Cribs in place until The Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas) on 2nd February.

So, in the period from Christmas Day to feast of the Presentation we have five manifestations that Jesus is God - 1. the announcement of the Shepherds; 2. the announcement of the Magi/Wise men; 3. the Presentation of the Lord; 4. the Baptism of the Lord; and 5. Miracle at the Marriage feast of Cana.

Lord, give me the grace to constantly encounter You in the everyday life of my life, so that I can follow the path indicated by Your word.



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.

