

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 communal formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

'Rise to Our Cause' on Ascension Thursday for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) Thursday 29th May, St Cuthbert Mayne, Launceston

Following the success of our two previous CCSP Ascension Day fundraisers, this year's event is being held at St Cuthbert Mayne in Launceston on Thursday, 29 May 2025. The event will start with Holy Mass in the church at 12.30pm, followed by a two-course hot lunch and then our Guest Speaker. We are delighted that Phil McCarthy, the Hearts in Search of God project lead, will be joining us who will describe his own walking pilgrimages to Rome and Istanbul and reflect on what it means to be a pilgrim of hope in this Jubilee year.

Tickets cost £15. Order by email at vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk or telephone 01364 645420

All proceeds will go towards helping vulnerable children and families living in our Diocese.

Axminster and Lyme Regis Foodbanks

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

Seaton Foodbank Items needed: Tins of custard, tins of rice puddings, tinned sweetcorn and carrots, tinned vegan meals, tinned corned beef, tinned stew, mince and chicken for hot meals, sugar, savoury rice and noodles, rice 1 Kg bags or boil in the bag, long-life whole milk, sponge puddings, sweet biscuits, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, small jars of coffee. **Thank you to all**

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

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Parish office hours **The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday.**

Monday - Friday 4pm - 6pm

Monday 10am - 12pm

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

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SS Michael &
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Sunday 11th May 2025

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43b-52

Responsorial Psalm 100

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9. 13a, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30



Our Parish School:

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	Mass times	Mass intentions
SUNDAY 11th May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Good Shepherd Sunday (World Day of Prayer or Vocations)	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	For all sick and housebound For all attending 'Response Day' in Plymouth
MONDAY 12th May	NO MASS	
TUESDAY 13th May	Axminster 7pm	For all taking SATS
WEDNESDAY 14th May St Matthias - Apostle FEAST	Seaton 10am	
THURSDAY 15th May World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Lyme Regis 10am	For all who are sick and housebound
FRIDAY 16th May	Axminster 10am	
SATURDAY 17th May 1st Mass of FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Seaton 5:30pm	Fr Michael KOPPEL RIP
SUNDAY 18th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (World Elder Abuse Awareness Day)	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Fr Michael KOPPEL RIP Parish intentions

Confessions: After each weekday Mass or by arrangement with Fr Jacek,



Pope Leo XIV

As Pope Leo starts his period of leadership as Christ's Priest on Earth, it is providential that this is just before Good Shepherd Sunday.

We pray for his leadership at this time when the world needs a leader living up to the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd:

one who 'lays down his life for the sheep' (John 10:11); one who 'cares for the sheep' (John 10:13); one who 'knows his sheep, and they know him' (John 10:14); one who also 'cares for sheep who are not of his fold' (John 10:16); one who aspires to Jesus' prayer 'there shall be one flock and one shepherd'; and, one who acknowledges always that this authority comes from Jesus (John 10:18).- Photo Mazur/cbcew.org.uk

Volunteers needed for next Saturday 17th May - 1pm - 2.30pm

As we continue to work on making the presbytery at Lyme Regis habitable, there is a need to dispose of accumulated things which are no longer required. We will have a skip in place in time for Saturday 17th May and would welcome help to move the things from the house to the skip. If you are able to help, please email the parish office or speak to Fr Jacek.

There is a second collection this weekend for the Diocesan Seminarians Fund. Please help yourself to a leaflet and envelope from the back of the church.

In preparation for 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations' (11th May) Why be a Priest?

Has your heart been pierced by the love of the Lord? Priests bring God's love and grace to the world in a radical way. Through preaching the Gospel and administering the sacraments, the priest stands as the human face of the Church, the face of Christ – supporting and caring for all He meets.

If you are a man who has a friendship with Jesus Christ and wish to share His goodness with others; if you love the Catholic Church and desire to help it flourish; if you value the gift of life and desire to spend yours in service to an eternal cause, these desires can be fulfilled in a priestly vocation lived well.

God calls enough 'workers for His Harvest' (Mt 9:38) but the response needs the exercise of the free will of the one called. If you know someone who is 'called' give them encouragement; pray for them; tell them you are praying for them; if you can support financially those already in seminary we would be grateful for any support

<https://priesthoodplymouth.co.uk/donate>



Heatree Residential (TQ13 9XE) 23-25 May

Heatree Activity Centre is situated on Dartmoor. This popular residential is aimed at young people aged 10 - 12 years old. Young people will scripture whilst building rafts and climbing the high ropes. It's a great chance to meet other young Catholics from across the Diocese. The cost of the weekend is £90, which can be paid in installments. For further information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.uk or to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/>



Reflection The Gospel for this Sunday poses the question 'Who is the guide for my life - who do I follow?' When we discover that we have committed to the wrong side, that we have listened to bad advisors or followed foolish patterns, we often do not want to admit it and stubbornly convince ourselves and all around us that we have made the right choices. Jesus invites us to reflect on whom we follow, what ideas guide our lives, and who is an authority for us. Which of the leaders we follow actually gives their life for us without expecting compensation? Only Jesus is the Good Shepherd, anyone else we follow who is a guide because of vested interest does not deserve to be called a good shepherd.



Send me, Lord, the grace to walk in Your footsteps, so that I may be able to reject the temptations of easy and selfishly oriented ideologies.

Thank you: Seeds of Hope Event (Plant Sale at Seaton, 3rd May 2025)

This was a memorable event for our Parish in so many ways: the engagement of so many parishioners growing plants or sharing from their own gardens; cakes supplied for hospitality; preparation, organisation and clearing up; supporting the event; welcoming our visitors; and, last but not least, the amazing **£477.50** raised to date.

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, Tony Kavanagh and Janet Gollop.

The Carmel of the Annunciation, Thicket, York Thoughts from Thicket....

"The love of Christ knows no bounds, it never ceases, it never withdraws in the face of hatred or foul play. He came for the sake of sinners and not for the righteous. If the love of Christ lives in us, then we do as he did and seek after the lost sheep." (St Edith Stein)

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

The Charity provides support and assistance, of whatever kind, to relieve Plymouth Diocesan Priests who are sick, infirm or elderly.

A date for your diary Friday 13th June at Uplyme Village Hall

Our long awaited Parish Ball (Parish Dance), back by popular demand, has finally been scheduled. Please reserve this date in your diary and encourage others to attend– live music to listen to or dance to; food; etc.

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Mass for Marriage 2025 - Plymouth RC Cathedral Saturday 31 May, 12noon

Please join us to celebrate and pray for Marriage. Refreshments and wedding cake to follow. For information and to register anniversaries and forthcoming wedding dates, contact deborah.vankroonenburg@prcdtr.org.uk