

Pope's September Prayer Intention - *For our relationship with all of creation*

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Axminster and Lyme Regis Foodbanks

Axminster Foodbank supplies are extremely low!

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

Seaton Foodbank Items needed: sugar, small jars of coffee, fairy cakes, tinned or long life custard, rice puddings, tins of meat for hot meals - chicken, stew, mince, chilli con carne, meatballs, sausages with beans or spaghetti, ravioli, spaghetti Bolognese, tinned cold meat - corned beef, jars of marmalade, tins of carrots or peas, instant noodles, washing-up liquid. **Please note we are unable to accept alcoholic drinks, fresh food, out of date and opened food.**

Please try to give one item each week if possible - Thank you

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me

something to drink." *Matthew 25:35,40*



If you are UK tax payer, you can GIFT AID your offering to the parish. This enables us to claim

approximately one quarter of your contribution back from the Treasury thus considerably increasing the

offering. It doesn't cost you a penny but benefits the parish enormously. You can GIFT AID if you contribute by regular or single donations. Forms are available from the back of the church, the Parish Office, or on the parish website.

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If you would like to set up regular monthly donations, please contact the Parish Office.

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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Monday - Friday 4pm - 6pm

Monday 10am - 12pm

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Sunday 21st September 2025

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 113

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



Our Parish School:

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Mass times		Mass intentions
SUNDAY 21st September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (HOME MISSION DAY - THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL)	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	George WINTER RIP Anthony KELLY RIP
MONDAY 22nd September DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL FEAST SOL	No Mass	
TUESDAY 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Pr Mem	Axminster 5pm (Adoration until 6.30pm)	For Peace and Wise Peacemakers
WEDNESDAY 24th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM FEAST	Seaton 10am Axminster 7pm	George BEAGLEY RIP For all people living in the UK
THURSDAY 25th September	Lyme Regis 10am	Private intention
FRIDAY 26th September St Cosmas and St Damian Mm Opt Mem	Axminster 10am	
SATURDAY 27th September St Vincent de Paul Pr Patron of all charitable works 1st Mass of 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mem	Seaton 5:30pm	The Read-Bone Family intentions
SUNDAY 28th September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (THE HARVEST; THE FRUITS OF HUMAN WORK, AND THE REVERENT USE OF CREATION)	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Stephen POLANEK RIP Parish intentions
Confessions: Saturdays 10.45-12.00; after Masses weekdays or by arrangement with Fr Jacek		

The Carmel of the Annunciation, Thicket, York *Thought from Thicket....*

"The Father spoke one Word, which was his Son and this Word he speaks always in eternal silence and in silence must it be heard by the soul."

(St John of the Cross)

Thanksgiving for Harvest - Sunday 28th September

Next Sunday we will take an opportunity to reflect on how we all benefit from the fruits of our labour and God's Creation. As we prepare for this annual occasion, when we take time to pray in thanksgiving for all these benefits, it is an opportunity to think about how we personally benefit and whether we should share regularly what we receive and have. This is an invitation to commit to share with those who are struggling at this time. With this in mind please consider again whether a commitment of contributing one item to our Foodbank collection each week or each month is something that you can do individually or as a family. Thank you to all who commit to this effort for the poor, helping either through regular contributions or for giving up your time volunteering at the Foodbank.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

It may seem a little early to be talking about Christmas but as we write this message, Blythwood Care are busy behind the scenes planning the 2025 Shoe Box Appeal for children and families in desperate situations around the world.

This year, we are joining together with Churches Together in Seaton to fill shoeboxes in support of this charity and to bring a little joy into the lives of those in war torn countries and extreme poverty.

Since their first Shoe Box Appeal in 1993 more than 2.8 million boxes have been sent – each one different, each one personal, each one an expression of your care and kindness towards a stranger in need. Filled with small, practical items such as toiletries, stationery, and clothing, the individually-wrapped boxes have been distributed in schools, hospitals, orphanages and care homes, and to households in very low income communities. Many boxes have gone to people affected by the war in Ukraine.

Please take a leaflet at the back of the church and fill a shoebox for someone in need this Christmas. We have a number of boxes available, or if you have your own, please wrap this and fill with items detailed in the leaflet at the back of the church.

The boxes will need to be filled and returned to church no later than Sunday 2nd November. They will be collected by Blythwood for processing and shipping on Monday 3rd November.

If you are unable to fill a whole box, you can donate items to be added to the boxes. You can also donate online at <https://blythwood.org/shooboxappeal/>

Jubilee Year event 'Pilgrims of Hope' Chideock Martyrs Parish Pilgrimage 1st October, 10:30am - 2:30pm

The day will include Mass, a visit to the museum and also the Martyrs cross (weather permitting), followed by lunch. **If you wish to attend, please add your name to the form at the back of the church.** We will advise further details in due course!



Reflection

In the parable of the dishonest steward, which we hear in today's Gospel, it is difficult to see how this can ever be an example of a commendable attitude. What is especially astonishing is the final praise for the dishonest employee.

It's only when we transpose this parable to the relationships prevailing in the Kingdom of God does it become understandable. It is God who owns the goods that we often selfishly waste and in so doing are committing sins. He has given us strength and abilities, and entrusted us with the whole world for us to manage. Wasting these gifts destroys the goodness of creation.

Therefore, God asks each of us to give account of what we do with His gifts. Our faith in His goodness and mercy, which is incomprehensible in the face of our squanderous life, is revealed when we are merciful to our brothers and sisters.

You are a Merciful God and you want Your mercy to be the principle of our mutual relations. Grant me the grace to forgive my neighbours' offences as You forgive mine.



Preparation for Sacraments - 2025/2026

Preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Baptism; Reconciliation; Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin end September/beginning of October 2025. This includes:

For children 7 years and above, parents who wish their child to be prepared for these Sacraments

For children/young people who will be 14 years old or older by Easter 2026 -

meetings to reflect on the teaching of the Catholic Church which will provide an opportunity to grow in Faith and also for those who haven't received the Sacrament of Confirmation prepare to receive this Sacrament

For all wishing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church

If you wish to receive further information on any of the above please speak to Fr Jacek asap or email our Parish Office axminster@prcdtr.org.uk

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



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Save the Date - Parish Quiz Night - Friday 10th October 6.30pm - 9pm - St Mary's Primary School

St Augustine's Seaton will be hosting our next parish quiz taking place at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Axminster. In addition to the quiz there will be food and drinks provided, all included in the ticket price, and we will have a prize for the winning team.

Please make this a priority in your social calendar as it provides an opportunity for us to grow as a community. We realise that for some, getting there is difficult. Please let us know if you need a lift.

Ticket price: Over 16's £10 (recommended donation) towards parish funds.

Tickets available from this weekend.

Thank you I am grateful to Fr Anthony COCKRAM for celebrating our Parish Masses last weekend.

