

Pope's November Prayer Intention Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Parish diaries are here! Please take one from the back of the church for yourself, for anyone who is housebound or anyone you know who would like one!

ADVENT RETREAT DAY Saturday 6th December – St Rita's Centre

"FROM CAPTIVITY TO FREEDOM: AN ADVENT JOURNEY OF HOPE"

led by Deacon Kelvin Russell and Fr. Jose Romero OAR

Coffee/tea on arrival at 9.30am. The first talk 10am. Second talk 11am. Adoration in silence (with an opportunity for Confession) 12.00pm. Lunch at 1pm.

Holy Mass at 2.45pm. Depart at 3.30pm.

The charge for the day, including lunch, is just £25.00.

To register your place, contact St Rita's Centre by phone at 01404 42635, by email at admin@stritascentre.org, or register online <https://bit.ly/3JXyoeW>
Payment can be made in advance or on the day.

Axminster Foodbank

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

Week ending 14 November we helped 7 adults and 1 child, providing enough food for 168 meals. Items we're short of: Small tins of ham and chicken, semi-skimmed long life milk, jars of marmalade, tins, cartons or packets.

Please note we are unable to accept alcoholic drinks, fresh food, out of date or opened food.

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

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Parish office hours

Monday - Friday 4pm - 6pm

Monday 10am - 12pm

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St Mary's
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SS Michael &
George Church,
Lyme Regis,
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St Augustine's
Church,
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Sunday 16th November 2025

The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Responsorial Psalm 98

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19



Our Parish School:

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

	Mass times	Mass intentions
SUNDAY 16th November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time WORLD DAY OF THE POOR	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am Axminster 4pm Malayalam Mass	For all who support the poor Leyton and Bruno (on occasion of baptism)
MONDAY 17th November	NO MASS	
TUESDAY 18th November	Axminster 5pm (Adoration until 6.30pm)	Krystian BUSH (on occasion of birthday)
WEDNESDAY 19th November	Seaton 10am	Gina TAYLOR RIP
THURSDAY 20th November	NO MASS (Clergy Requiem Mass at Plymouth Cathedral)	
FRIDAY 21st November	Axminster 10am	Barbara KAMALI (on occasion of birthday)
SATURDAY 22nd November 1st Mass of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	Seaton 5:30pm	Parish intentions
SUNDAY 23rd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KIND OF THE UNIVERSE	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	For young people in our parish
Confessions: Saturday 10.45 - 12.00, after Masses weekdays or by arrangement with Fr Jacek		

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

"God promises that good and justice will triumph. All it takes is a handful of humble, compassionate hearts, a tiny bit of faith, and a fresh vision of hope." Silvio José Báez OCD



An opportunity to reflect on the Mass

Offered after Mass in **Seaton** on the following Wednesdays (45 minutes each);
19th and 26th November.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal - Thank you!

Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal with Churches Together in Seaton, from those who gave boxes and items, to all who helped with the collection and checking of the boxes, and who attended the blessing service on 9 November. Our local churches and St Mary's Primary School together donated 196 boxes which was a wonderful effort and collective gesture of love from our community. The boxes will now embark on their journey to Kiev in Ukraine. You can read more and view pictures on the [parish website](#), including a report from Julie Dunnon (CTIS Secretary), and a message from Allan Blake at Blythswood Care.

Please bring your Missio Red Boxes to church for counting by the end of November! Thank you.

World Day of the Poor

In this year's celebration we are invited to reflect on the words of [Pope Leo XIV's message for the World Day of the Poor the Day](#) and his recent, and first, [Apostolic Exhortation: Dilexi te \("I have loved you"\)](#). He reminds us that true faith in Christ cannot be separated from love for those who suffer, and that the Church is called to recognise in the poor not simply recipients of our help, but in some way our teachers in the Gospel. On this day let us open our hearts and our parish life more deeply to the cry of the poor, mindful that in serving them we serve Christ himself.

*Loving Father, you gaze with compassion on all who are poor and vulnerable;
fill our hearts with your love, that we may see your face in every brother and sister who lacks. Inspire us to a love that reaches out, a faith that acts, and a Church that walks humbly with the poor. Grant us courage to bear witness to your justice, and the grace to share our gifts with generous hearts.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Parish Family Event - Advent Active Waiting; Sunday 30th November

A Parish Family Event, if sufficient interest, will take place at St Marys Catholic Primary School, Axminster on Sunday 30th November.

The program will start with Gathering up to 12.45.pm.

1pm - Lunch

2pm - Guided activity 1 by Fr Jacek

2.30pm - Group activity

2.45 pm - Guided activity 2

3.15 - Refreshments;

3.30 - Time for reflection and for time of prayer ; Conclusion at 4pm.

For catering purpose please let me know whether you and others wish to join in this activity. A good foundation for a memorable Advent. Please join us.



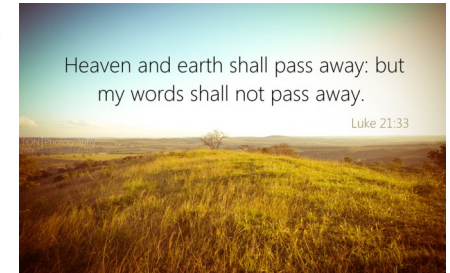
With best wishes, Fr Jacek

Reflection

Literature and film are full of visions of the end of the world. One of the factors that drives people toward cults is prophecies about disasters and assurances that within a given group, if one belongs to it, one can be saved. Jesus, drawing a vision of the end times, assures us of His power and salvation. It is true that there will be persecutions, coming from the most unexpected sources, even from surprising quarters, for example, rejection by one's own parents.

However, what is most dangerous for us is not persecution, disasters, or false prophets, but the loss of trust in God's love and care. And this is not a danger only of the end of times; it threatens us in every era.

*Lord Jesus, teach me to use every moment,
every circumstance to bear witness about You,
and give me trust in Your presence when the
contemporary world stirs so much anxiety.*



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, Dermott Lyons.



An interview with Bishop Nicholas Hudson

Ahead of his installation on Saturday 29 November, Bishop Nicholas Hudson speaks to us about his new appointment as Bishop of Plymouth.

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

Organ Concert - Sunday 16th November - 3:30pm

St Michael's Parish Church, Lyme Regis

Join us for a concert performed by young organist students of The Salisbury Diocesan PipeUp Scheme. Admission is free.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Axminster Carols 5:30pm, Mass 6pm
Lyme Regis 11pm

Christmas Day

Seaton 9:30am
Lyme Regis 11am
Axminster 3pm

Please also note Sunday 28th December is celebrated as Holy Family and Sunday 5th January is celebrated as Epiphany (moved from Tuesday 6th January).

Others Masses of the Christmas Octave will be:

26th December 12noon - Axminster (St Stephen)
27th December 10am - Axminster (St John)
29th December 12noon - Axminster (St Thomas Beckett)
30th December 7pm - Axminster
31st December 10am - Seaton
11pm - Axminster (end of year liturgy until Midnight)
1st January 12noon - Axminster