

Pope's December Prayer Intention - For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Sounds for the Lord - Polish Carols Concert

Polish choir, the Sounds for the Glory of the Lord, is currently on tour, which includes three churches of our Diocese. Entry is free

6th December, 2:30pm - Ilford Park Polish Home, Stover

12th December, 7pm - Sacred Heart, Exeter

14th Dec, 5:30pm - Our Lady of the Assumption & St Mary Magdalene, Tavistock

Walk with me - A journey of prayer for the Advent Jubilee

booklets are available at the back of the church.

Residential for Teens (13-17yrs) 23-25 January 2026

East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor. 'I was a stranger and you invited me in' *Matt 25v35*. Refugees and asylum seekers, who are they? Why did they flee?

A contribution of £50 per person to assist with costs. Further info youth@prcdtr.org.uk

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 24 adults and 5 children, providing enough food for 609 meals. **Items we're short of:** Sugar, washing powder or liquid, tins of Custard, rice pudding, small jars Savoury Spread, packets of fairy cakes, tins carrots, sweetcorn, chopped tomatoes, packets of noodles, tins corned beef, Spam..

We cannot accept alcoholic drink, fresh food, out of date or opened food.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

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SS Michael &
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St Augustine's
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Sunday 30th November 2025

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Responsorial Psalm 122

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14a

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



Our Parish School:

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	Mass times	Mass intentions
SUNDAY 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent - Year A	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Parish intentions
MONDAY 1st December	Seaton 10:30am Funeral Mary BEASON RIP	Mary Teresa BEASON RIP
TUESDAY 2nd December St Osmund of Salisbury Bp Mem	NO MASS	
WEDNESDAY 3rd December St Francis Xavier Pr, Patron of the Missions Migrants Day	Seaton 10am	For migrants, asylum seekers and refugees
THURSDAY 4th December	Lyme Regis 10am	Deceased family members of Michael Dade
FRIDAY 5th December	Axminster 10am	
SATURDAY 6th December St Cuthbert Mayne Pr M 1st Mass of 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A	Seaton 5:30pm	Anne Stacey MAGILL RIP
SUNDAY 7th December 2nd Sunday of Advent - Year A	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	
Confessions: After Masses weekdays or by arrangement with Fr Jacek		

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

“The holy time of Advent is here ; it seems to me that it is very especially the season of interior souls, those who live unceasingly and through everything wholly 'hidden with Christ in God' at the centre of themselves.”
(St Elizabeth of the Trinity)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, "Ineffabilis Deus," clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception.



We will have Masses to celebrate this Solemnity in our Parish at the following times:

Sunday 8th December 7pm Axminster
Monday 9th December 10am Axminster
12 (noon) Seaton

Bambinelli Sunday is a Catholic tradition where adults and children bring the "Baby Jesus" (bambinelli in Italian) figurines from their home Nativity scenes to church for a special blessing. The figure is then typically placed in the empty manger on Christmas eve or Christmas morning. The tradition helps to emphasize that Jesus is the true gift of Christmas and at the centre of the holiday. The tradition started in the mid-1900s at the Vatican. St. Pope John Paul II popularized it by encouraging children in Rome to bring their figurines to St. Peter's Square for a blessing during his Sunday Angelus address. **This blessing will take place at Masses in our Parish over the weekend 13th/14th December.**



Mary Teresa BEASON RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Beason, former parishioner at St Augustine, who died on 31st October. Please also pray for Mary's son Mike and all Mary's family and friends who mourn her.

The funeral will take place at St Augustine, Seaton on Monday 1 December, 10:30am.

Christmas flowers collection

There will be a collection over the coming weeks for Christmas flowers.

If you are able to contribute, please leave a donation in the basket provided at the back of the church. Thank you.

'A New Horizon' The profit from the sale of my book of poems has now reached £300, and has been given to Hospiscare towards their wonderful work. There are still a few copies for sale at a minimum donation of £5 cash. A thought for that Christmas present!! Thank you very much for supporting my charity. *John Rolph*

Reflection

Happy New Year. With this Sunday we start a new liturgical year. We are again invited to live through all that God has done for us in history, and experience its power now. There is no ambiguity about this, St Paul writing to the Romans says: 'You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep'.



At the beginning of Mass we will pray in our Collect (Opening Prayer) 'Grant your faithful (you and I), we pray almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ'. The readings for this Mass reinforce this message by these words 'awake from your sleep'; 'cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light'; 'put on the Lord Jesus Christ'; 'be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Advent is a time of active waiting for One who's arrival is certain. Jesus arrived in history as promised by God; He comes to us in every Mass in His fullness in Holy Communion and He will come in time.

How can you and I respond to these invitations? How can we 'resolve to run forth to meet our Christ'? If we live on our own, we can reflect and perhaps put a note on our fridge about the focus for our Advent - perhaps commit to reading the Word of God daily; perhaps make contact with someone we have lost contact with, perhaps go to a weekday Mass.

If you are a family, perhaps you could all sit down this pm and agree about commitments you are going to make as a family or each individual, write this out and put somewhere all can see - perhaps a curfew on mobiles and computers; have family meals together; read a book together; take turns to lead prayer.

Jesus is the One who will definitely appear on 25th December, He is the One who was born in a manger, Jesus is therefore not choosy but Jesus can't enter a heart which is closed to Him - Jesus is gentle not forceful.

'Resolve to run forth to meet your Christ', be brave, trust, the impact will be something for which you will be eternally grateful - guaranteed.

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.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

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

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