

Pope's January Prayer Intention - For prayer with the Word of God –

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God nourishes our lives and brings hope to our communities, building a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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 PRESENT FROM THE CATENIANS**YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 to 25 DOING A VOLUNTARY WORK PROJECT**

Are you one of those who are volunteering to be part of a project overseas or in the UK and looking for some financial assistance? Then the Catenians may be able to help. **To be eligible you must be:**

A Catholic between your 16th and 25th birthday at the date of travel.

Spend at least 15 full working days engaged in the project.

Show that the Project is voluntary and will benefit other people who need your help.

For further information and application form, visit <https://catenianbursaryfund.com>

Local contact: Bob Bannister 07812488615 or David Gale 07977411121

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

Items needed: Long life oat milk, semi skimmed milk, sugar, noodles, tins of Chilli Con Carne and chunky meaty soups, salmon savoury paste, large tins Corned Beef, tins Spam, small tins chicken (for cold meals).

Please, no alcohol, fresh items, opened or out of date items.

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Telephone: 01297 32135 or in an emergency 07776 082408

Parish office hours

Monday 10am - 12pm. 4pm - 6pm

Tuesday - Friday 4pm - 6pm

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

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St Mary's
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SS Michael &
George Church,
Lyme Regis,
DT7 3HS



St Augustine's
Church,
Seaton,
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Sunday 11th January 2026

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Responsorial Psalm: 29

2nd Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

**Our Parish School:**

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

	Mass times	Mass intentions
SUNDAY 11th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	FM: Alexander J. KNIGHT RIP Jackie CLAYTON int's
MONDAY 12th January	No Mass	
TUESDAY 13th January	Axminster 5pm <i>Adoration until 6:30pm</i>	John and Helena STEINMANN int's
WEDNESDAY 14th January	Seaton 10am	Ken LONG RIP (1st anniversary 12 Jan)
THURSDAY 15th January	Lyme Regis 10am	FM: Mary Ann WREY RIP
FRIDAY 16th January	Axminster 10am	Sue BOUSEFIELD int's
SATURDAY 17th January St Anthony Ab 1st MASS OF THE 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Seaton 5:30pm	Parish intentions
SUNDAY 18th January 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PEACE DAY OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am Axminster 4pm (Mass in Malayalam)	FM: John CAREY RIP Gen Sir David MOSTYN RIP
Confessions: 10.45-12.00 on Saturday in Axminster also after Masses weekdays or by arrangement with Fr Jacek		

'Thought from Thicket' *: Teresa of Avila speaks about the soul as an interior castle of marvellous beauty. In the very centre of our being, as baptised people, lives the Trinity. We have to make the interior pilgrimage to the inmost mansion of our souls in order to discover that God is always present there in His entire triune Mystery. (*Cardinal Anders Arborelius OCD*)

** these reflections are sent to us by Sr. Mary from the Carmelite Monastery (Thicket Priory) where our altar breads, used in our Masses, are made.*



Chris ADAMS RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Chris ADAMS who died on the 2nd January. Please also pray for Sheree Lynch and Chris' family and friends who mourn. Chris's funeral is at East Devon Crematorium on 19th January, 10am.

Evangelium newsletter

The latest newsletter from the Evangelisation and Catechesis Team at the Diocese. <https://bit.ly/4aHRdOK>

Fr Jacek's farewell gathering Sunday 18th January, 1pm – 4pm

We will be holding a farewell buffet lunch for Fr Jacek to wish him well as he leaves us on 20th January for Truro. All are invited to come along to St Mary's School Hall on Sunday 18th January between 1pm and 4pm.

Hilary is preparing a buffet for approximately 40 people. We expect more will attend so, if you are able, please bring a plate of food for sharing which will hopefully avoid too much waste.

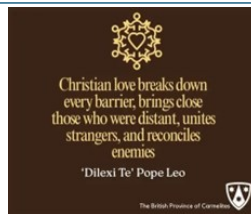
Soft and alcoholic drinks and tea and coffee will also be available.

Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson 21 February 2026, 11am-4pm, Buckfast Abbey Conference Centre

Join Caritas and CAFOD this Lent for a diocesan day to reflect on Pope Leo XIV's powerful Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*, which calls us to return to the Gospel and reminds us that love of the poorest of our sisters and brothers is part of the "burning heart of the Church's mission".

Hear from our inspirational Speakers: Rt Rev Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth; Christine Allen, CAFOD Director; Raymond Friel OBE, CSAN Chief Executive Officer; Fr. Richard Finn OP, University of Oxford.

To register: <https://bit.ly/4apdzUz> or email: caritas@prcdtr.org.uk



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. Teens (aged 13-17) are invited to explore lives of people holding refugee and asylum seeker status in the UK. There will be time to hear why they left their homes to seek asylum and decide what action they would like to do. Further info youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Reflection

Have you ever asked yourself why Christmas, in the Catholic Church, ends with the Solemnity of 'The Baptism of the Lord'? The celebration of this Solemnity predates the celebration of Epiphany and the celebration of Christmas. In the 2nd century, Gnosticism (*rejection of all matter, including human body, as the domain of evil and hence Jesus could not be God at birth as He took on a human body*) started to pervade some parts of Christianity. These believers started celebrating the vigil of the Baptism of Jesus (*5th January eve*) to emphasise that Jesus became God only when Baptised by John the Baptist. Their point of reference was the words of the synoptic Gospels 'a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."' (*Mt 3:17*). They disregarded the earlier part of the Gospel when John says 'Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptised by you, and yet you are coming to me?"' (*Mt 3:13-14*). Also they either didn't have, or disregarded, John's Gospel (*J 1: 1-4; 6- 17*); which clearly states that Jesus existed always as God and with God '*born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.*' (*J 1:13*). So the celebration of Epiphany and much later Christmas started being celebrated to emphasise the Revelation and Truth that in Mary's womb Jesus took on a human body and had two natures completely and at the same time - fully Divine and fully human. In receiving the Sacrament of Baptism we are invited to share in Divine life fully - 'From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.' (*J 1:16-17*). This is the extent of the limitless generosity of God - do I realise what God is offering me ('grace in place of grace') in Baptism and all the Sacraments - how am I responding?

Christmas Crib

Please take time to visit the crib at our churches which remains in place until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2nd February).

The collection will be shared between the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) and Life Charity. lifecharity.org.uk/ ccsplymouth.org.uk



GATHER Conference 20th-22nd March at Livermead Cliff Hotel, Torquay

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual GATHER conference.

This year's theme is '*I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live*' and our speakers include Avril Baigent (School for Synodality) and Fleur Dorrell (The God who Speaks). Pauline Books will be bringing a selection of their excellent range for people to peruse and buy, and you can expect a warm welcome and a wonderful weekend of faith, formation and friendship.

We are delighted that we will also be joined by Bishop Nicholas as we journey together synodally - we'd love you to join us too!

Booking forms are available from the parish office or by emailing: plymouthgather@yahoo.com

Dorset Meditators are facilitating a one-day event, ***The Way of Meditation***, a one day Christian meditation retreat, on **Saturday 21st February 2026** at the **Dorford Centre in Dorchester**, suitable for new and seasoned meditators.

Liz Watson will guide us through ***The Way of Meditation***. Liz is a key faculty member of The World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM).

Full details, including how to contact the organiser if you have a query, and also to book are available online from Ticket Tailor at:

<https://buytickets.at/dorsetmeditators/1952523>

Ticket price £30