

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 or housebound and those who 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.

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 from the parish office or email: plymouthgather@yahoo.com

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: Small jars of coffee, tins of carrots, packets of instant mash potato, tins of custard and rice, pudding, long life semi-skimmed milk, bottles fruit juice/ squash.

Please, no alcohol, fresh items, opened or out of date items.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 to 20/01/2026 (Fr James Barber from 21/01/2026)

The Priest's House

St Mary's RC Church, Lyme Road, Axminster EX13 5BE

Telephone: 01297 32135

Parish office hours

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

Tuesday - Friday 4pm - 6pm

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

The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity



St Mary's Church,
Axminster,
EX13 5BE



SS Michael &
George Church,
Lyme Regis,
DT7 3HS



St Augustine's
Church,
Seaton,
EX12 2AJ

Sunday 18th January 2026

Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3-5-6

Responsorial Psalm: 40

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34



Our Parish School:
St Mary's
Catholic Primary,
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	Mass times	Mass intentions
SUNDAY 18th January 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PEACE DAY OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	FM: John CAREY RIP Gen Sir David MOSTYN RIP
MONDAY 19th January	Axminster 12(noon)	Chris ADAMS RIP
TUESDAY 20th January	Axminster 9.15 School Mass	Eileen THOMPSON int's (in sickness)
WEDNESDAY 21st January St Agnes V M Patron of betrothed couples, gardeners and young girls	Mem Seaton 10am	Monica LEAN RIP
THURSDAY 22nd January	No Mass	
FRIDAY 23rd January	No Mass	
SATURDAY 24th January 1st MASS OF THE 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME St Francis de Sales Bp Patron of writers, editors and journalists	Mem Seaton 5:30pm	Parish Intentions
SUNDAY 25th January 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD (Conversion of St Paul)	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am Axminster 4pm (Mass in Malayalam)	Elizabeth MORRIS int's FM: Thomas ELLIS RIP and Margaret ELLIS RIP and deceased relatives and friends
Confessions: 10.45-12.00 on Saturday in Axminster also after Masses weekdays or by arrangement with Fr James		

'Thought from Thicket': Week of prayer for Christian Unity

"May the Three fuse our souls into the unity of one single faith and one single love."
(*St Elizabeth of the Trinity*)

Thank you

"The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, ..." (John 1: 35-42a)

The 'process' we read about in this text of scripture is what our lived faith is about. Thank you for being part of this 'process' with me, over the last 3+ years, and together as the Parish of the Most Holy Trinity - in prayer; in celebrating Mass; in supporting ministries - sacristans, altar servers, musicians, music leaders, welcoming, flowers, cleaning, finance, pastoral work, outreach, and many others. As we continue to listen out to Jesus' call, as we come to know Jesus more, we are called to also invite others who are waiting to hear the words 'come and see'. *With prayers, Fr Jacek.*

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



Dilexi Te – The Burning Heart of the Church's Mission

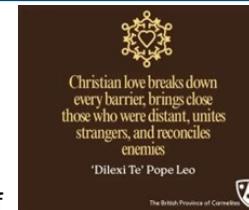
A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson

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



Peace Sunday - 18th January

The Bishops' Conference encourage us all the use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace, 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. If you want to support the work of Pax Christi, which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools, you can donate at: paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday appeal/

Reflection

King of kings and Lord of lords, consubstantial with the Father, and at the same time the humble Lamb of God. How is it possible to unite these contradictions within oneself? How much submissiveness must one have to be, while equal before God the Father, a humble Son of God? Only Jesus can reconcile this apparent contradiction within Himself. Jesus, being the Almighty God, is at the same time a weak and powerless Lamb. Let us adore the submissiveness of this Lamb, who does not flaunt His own power but hides it. In this way, He encourages us to approach Him with the utmost confidence. Yet beneath His apparent weakness lies a power not of this world. While today so many people flaunt their authority in one field or another, the Lamb of God shames us all with His submissiveness, which ultimately proves to be a power that nothing and no one can overcome.

Jesus, the Lamb of God! I adore Your submissive omnipotence. How I long to be like You.

Help me never to exalt myself because of the authority given to me. I want to be a submissive Lamb, just as You are.



As we bid farewell to Fr Jacek, we welcome Fr James Barber to our parish.

Please keep Fr James in your prayers as he begins his ministry with us.

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.

Towards a synodal church – Conversations in the Spirit - 21st February

Richard Reynolds Centre, Blessed Sacrament Church, 29 Fore Street, Heavitree, EX1 2QJ. **A one day face-to-face facilitator training workshop with Fr Matthew Nunes, Director of the School for Synodality.**

How do we listen to each other well? How do we step back from our own agendas to be attentive to where the Spirit is moving? How can we make better decisions about organising ourselves as Christian communities? How do we enrich our parish communal life with enriching conversations? The Synod process has emphasised the importance of listening and good conversations in our community life. However, these are not always so easy in practice!

This workshop will introduce the principles of holding prayerful, truthful and safe conversations which value gracious listening and courageous speaking.

It is suitable for all levels of experience, including people who have not been involved in the Synod process so far. **All parishioners are very welcome to attend - please email exeter-heavitree@prcdtr.org.uk** We're asking for a contribution of just £10 per person to cover costs - pay on the day. Please bring a packed lunch! 9:30am tea and coffee for a 10am start, 3:30pm finish.

Stay Awake! Saturday 2 May, 2026

Tickets are now available – book now at www.stayawakeic.com

Taking place at The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, from 10am – 6pm, finishing with Holy Mass and optional free pizza until 19:00. Inspiring talks and workshops for all, with kids' groups, meaning fun & fellowship for all ages! Could this be part of your New Year's resolution, to come closer to the Lord as a family, individual, and community?