

## 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.

## UNBOUND Prayer Ministry is available in this Diocese.

If you feel in need of freedom and inner healing through prayer, and desire a deeper relationship with Jesus, we have ministers trained to help you.

Please contact [unboundprayerop@gmail.com](mailto:unboundprayerop@gmail.com) or see the poster displayed for more information.

## 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:** Tins of chilli con carne, chicken, beef, meatballs, pies, hot dogs, meat curries and sausages with baked beans, tins peas, carrots and sweetcorn toilet rolls, small jars coffee, long life semi-skimmed and whole milk, washing detergent (small & large) preferably non-bio, Savoury Rice, savoury spreads, chicken, beef and salmon.

**Please note: we are unable to accept opened food, homemade food, out of date food and alcoholic drinks.**

**With many thanks for your continued support.**

*Matthew 22: Love your neighbour as you love yourself.*

## 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](mailto:safeguarding@prcdtr.org.uk)

## The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity

### Parish Priest: Fr James Barber

The Priest's House

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

Email: [james.barber@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:james.barber@prcdtr.org.uk)

### Parish office hours

By telephone Monday 4pm—7pm

Tuesday - Friday 4pm - 6pm

Telephone: 01297 32135

Email: [axminster@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto: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 25th January 2026

### *The Lord is my light and my salvation*

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1b-4

Responsorial Psalm: 27

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-3, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



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

| Mass times  | Mass intentions                      |  |
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| SATURDAY 24th January<br>1st MASS OF THE 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  | Seaton 5:30pm                        | People of the Parish   |
| SUNDAY 25th January<br>3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<br>SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD<br>(Conversion of St Paul)              | Axminster 9am<br><br>Lyme Regis 11am | Elizabeth MORRIS (Int's)<br><br>FM: Thomas ELLIS RIP and Margaret ELLIS RIP and deceased relatives and friends |
| MONDAY 26th January   | No Mass                              |  |
| TUESDAY 27th January  | Axminster 5pm                        | FM: William Henry KNIGHT RIP   |
| WEDNESDAY 28th January<br>St Thomas Aquinas Pr Dr Patron Saint of schools, students, universities and booksellers       | Seaton 10am                          | St Mary's School staff and Pupils (Int's)  |
| THURSDAY 29th January   | Lyme Regis 10am                      | Bishop Nicholas (Int's)  |
| FRIDAY 30th January   | Axminster 10am                       | The Holy Father (Int's)  |
| SATURDAY 31st January<br>1st MASS OF THE 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  | Seaton 5:30pm                        | People of the Parish   |
| SUNDAY 1st February<br>4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<br>RACIAL JUSTICE DAY  | Axminster 9am<br><br>Lyme Regis 11am | Tony GRAY RIP, Edith and Jim GRAY RIP<br><br>People of the Parish  |
| <b>Confessions: 10.45-12.00 on Saturday in Axminster<br/>also after Masses weekdays or by arrangement with Fr James</b> |                                      |  |

## 'Thought from Thicket': Sunday of the Word of God

"O Eternal Word, Word of my God, I want to spend my life in listening to You, to become wholly teachable that I may learn all from You." *(St Elizabeth of the Trinity)*

## Caritas January Newsletter

To read news of love in action around our diocese and upcoming events and dates, please click: <https://tinyurl.com/583wpdn7>

## Modern Slavery Newsletter

Last year, Caritas produced a special newsletter for each of the Jubilee themes. The final newsletter from the Jubilee year on modern day slavery, was postponed to coincide with the feast of St Bakhita, patron of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. To read it click <https://tinyurl.com/3vzefdv2>

## 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/](http://lifecharity.org.uk/) [ccsplymouth.org.uk](http://ccsplymouth.org.uk)



## CTIS (Christians Together in Seaton and District)

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

Please come along to Crossroad Christian Fellowship on Homer Lane, Seaton, to join with parishioners from all other local churches on Sunday 25 January at 3.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as the Body of Christ

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

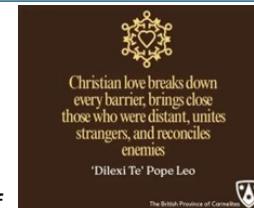
### A day of reflection with Bishop Nicholas Hudson

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](mailto:caritas@prcdtr.org.uk)



## Stay Awake! Saturday 2 May, 2026

Tickets are now available – book now at [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com)

Taking place at The Thomas Hardye 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?

The next **80 Club draw** will take place after Mass this Sunday at Ss Michael & George, Lyme Regis. Good luck!

**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.

## 'Over and out'

Thank you for all the kindness shown to me during my time at our Parish and School. It has benefitted my own spiritual growth and faith and so we continue to be formed as priests. I have been greatly humbled by the generosity in words written, and for the cards and gifts. Periodically I will pray in Mass for your intentions and ask for your prayers. Please support Fr James as you have me.

Mary our Mother, St Augustine of Hippo, St Michael and St George, pray for us.

*Fr Jacek*

## Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) - Great Big Diocesan Quiz Friday 8 May

The CCS are inviting parishes to join in the Great Big Diocesan Quiz. It would be great to have a bumper quiz this year and raise the most amount of money, as the number of applications we are receiving to our Essential Grants programme has risen dramatically in the last year. If you would like to take part, but have never been involved before, Vicki Dunstone is more than happy to have a quick chat for more information. 01364 645424 or [vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk](mailto:vicki.dunstone@ccsplymouth.org.uk)

## Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group

Ignatian silent and individually guided retreats available locally in the Plymouth Diocese for Lent and Summer 2026 for those who would like to step back from everyday life for a little while to review their journey in faith and make a little extra space and time for God.

Feb 13th – 15th (Fri – Sun) Weekend Retreat (£160)

Feb 13th - 17th (Fri – Tues) Extended Weekend Retreat (£280)

Feb 16th – 20th (Mon – Fri) Midweek Retreat (£275)

Feb 13th – 20th (Fri - Fri) 6-day retreat (£420)

**Venue: St Rita's Centre Honiton** For further details and bookings contact [diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk) or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

## 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](mailto: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.