



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne**

5th July 2026

Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 2



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The Parish Office is generally open on Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm
Please email or leave a phone message and we will get back to you.

Saturday	4th	6.00pm	Deacon John Proctor & Lee Proctor, Golden wedding
Sunday	5th	10.30am	Margaret Glenaghan R.I.P
Monday	6th	10.00am	The sisters who have served in this parish
Tuesday	7th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	8th	10.00am	Meg & Richard A, J. Chaffins R.I.P, Richard H. A. Chaffins R.I.P
Thursday	9th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday	10th	10.00am	David Dobbins R.I.P
Saturday	11th	6.00pm	Rick Herring R.I.P

Sherborne Churches together invites us to pray for a particular worshipping community each week.

Today we pray for: Cheap Street Church

We hope this brings our Christian family together.



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Weekly Letter

“A Deacon”

Some of you may have been present at Deacon Jonathan’s ordination, some of you will have known deacons from other places, but I thought it might be helpful to include a short piece from the Rite of Ordination of a deacon to help us all reflect on Jonathan’s ministry amongst us. These words of the bishop are addressed to the congregation.

“This man, your relative and friend, is now to be raised to the order of deacons. Consider carefully the ministry to which he is to be promoted. He will draw new strength from the gift of the Holy Spirit.

He will help the bishop and the body of priests as a minister of the word, of the altar, and of charity. He will make himself a servant of all. As a minister of the altar he will proclaim the gospel, prepare the sacrifice, and give the Lord’s body and blood to the community of believers.

It will also be his duty, at the bishop’s discretion, to bring God’s word to believer and unbeliever alike, to preside over public prayer, to baptise, to assist at marriages and bless them, to give viaticum to the dying, and to lead the rites of burial. Once he is consecrated by the laying on of hands that comes to us from the apostles and is bound more closely to the altar, he will perform works of charity in the name of the bishop or the pastor. From the way he goes about these duties, may you recognise him as a disciple of Jesus, who came to serve, not to be served.”

God bless us all and may we all rejoice in the gift of Deacon Jonathan’s ministry amongst us.

- Fr Robert

Prayers of the faithful

5th July 2026 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary time

We pray for the church throughout the world, those who proclaim by word and deed God's message of love and hope. We pray especially for Deacon Jonathan celebrating 25 years of service.

We pray for those in our world whose lives are overburdened and who live with fear and violence, for those who struggle with hunger and disease; that they be consoled by the Lord and helped in their need.

We pray for all those in the parish who are sick and housebound, for all who care for them, and for all who have need of our prayers.

We pray for ourselves that we may be people of faith who recognise that we are called to bring the gospel of Christ and the mercy of God to those around us.

We pray for those who have died: those known to us and all from this parish, that they may have eternal life.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 5th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 144; Romans 8:9-13; Matthew 11:25-30

Both Matthew (21:5) and John (12:14-15) refer to this passage from Zechariah when they describe Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Zechariah is announcing the restoration of royal rule in Israel, which is just and righteous and that is precisely what the gospel writers want to emphasise, even though the rest of the prophecy bears little comparison with the way that Jesus exercises his victory and triumph – from the cross!

The paradoxical thinking is repeated in the gospel for today – it is not the learned and clever who understand the things of God, but mere children. It is worth noting that such things are revealed – not worked out intellectually – and that they are revealed to “those to whom the Son chooses to reveal them.” The language of paradox continues with the description of what counts as a yoke and a burden in the kingdom – not the things that cause labour and overburdening, but what bring rest for your souls – that is coming to the Lord himself.

In the language of Paul in our second reading, the distinction is between spiritual and unspiritual living – and that is simply the disciple responding actively to the Spirit that has been given in their way of life.

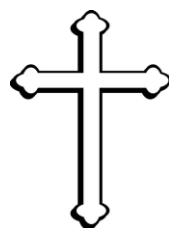
For reflection:

There are lots of paradoxes – apparent contradictions – in the scriptures and in the way our faith is expressed – in what ways do you think they help us ponder and explore the depth of your faith? What things in your life would you say were spiritual, and what would be unspiritual?

Church Services this week:

Mass in the parish church – Monday and Wednesday and Friday at 10.00am

Private prayer with Exposition Tuesday and Thursday 10.00 - 11.00am



***Please pray for John Boodle
from this parish who died this week and for his family and friends***

A message from Andrew Houseley:

Our small parish group is looking for new members to rejuvenate the group which has been meeting for nearly 25 years.

We meet one evening a month and we normally sing a hymn, read the Gospel for the next Sunday, pray quietly and then share what it has meant to us. We pray for the intentions of the group and finish with tea and biscuits and a chat.

Being a member of the group has enriched my personal faith. Our meetings are a precious time when I can listen God's word, share what it means to me and listen to what it means to the other members -having my intentions prayed for by the group is powerful for me.

If you are interested in learning more or in joining us for a meeting, please contact Andrew Houseley on andrewhouseley@btinternet.com.

Dates for your Diary

'Scripture Matters'

Our next meeting will be on Friday 17th July @ 10.45am-12.15pm.

Once a month, our small group gathers in the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm Church Hall to reflect on and discuss 'God's Word' in the Readings for the following Sunday's celebration of Mass. For further information please contact: *gaybarry39@hotmail.com* or 07887 840449.

Our Friends Together lunches, Craft Club and Mum's Groups

are now taking a summer break and will be back in September – we look forward to seeing you then!

From the Plymouth Office:

Youth Fun Day!

Saturday 11th July 12.00-18.00pm

A day of Games and Challenges

Looking for a fun day out for your child?

Youth Events is hosting a fun-packed day at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, for children and young people aged 6–17. Book your child's place using the link below, and contact us by email if you have any questions.

£5 per person

To book:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XXbYKaDKfd>

For queries email: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Catechetical Summer Camp 2026

27th - 31st July, Buckfast Abbey.

At this years Summer Camp young people aged 9-12 will explore Pope Francis and Pope Leo's Dilexi Te - 'I love you'. Summer camp has been enjoyed by many generations. It is a great way for young people to meet others from across the Diocese and gain a sense of belonging to the Diocesan and catholic family.

Cost £150 per person. To book and for further information please email:

summercamps@prcdtr.org.uk



Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps



Fr Robert is producing a short daily email with a reflection on the daily mass readings. If you would like to receive it, please let the office know.

Please keep in touch and tell others who wish to keep in touch with the parish by emailing the parish office (or phoning Fr Robert - 816420) and we will respond.

If you know of any parishioner who is not on the internet or who cannot receive emails, do please make a hard copy of this, and put it through their letter box, or contact the parish office and we will try and do that.

If there are specific needs you have and want help – please let us know.

If you would like a Mass said, there are special envelopes in the narthex, or you may wish to use your own. Please post it through the Convent door. It is customary to give a donation, if you can. If you require a special date, please provide your telephone number.

The Church was established by The Religious of Christian Instruction in 1891

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Any notices for the newsletter should be e-mailed to the office before Thursday afternoon. The Secretary is normally in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30am – 1.30pm.

The Church Office, Church Hall, Westbury, Sherborne DT9 3RA - 01935 812021.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND VISITS:

If you or anyone you know is sick or housebound and would like to receive Communion, please **contact Fr Robert 01935 816420** or Sarah Nadasy 01935 816616.

PARISH SECRETARY:

Kristine Mountain

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPs:

Jamie Mead and Jennie Haynes

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Deacon Jonathan Simon,
Georgina Bruce, Tricia Chapman,
Tim Kelly, Lulu Paul, Sr. Rose.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Please email or phone the Office.