



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
21st June 2026**



Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 4

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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	20th	6.00pm	Daniel Ndeze Salumu, Sr Odette Buma & Sr Modestine Magay R.I.P
Sunday	21st	10.30am	Thresiamma Thomas R.I.P (Anniversary)
Monday	22nd	10.00am	The intentions of June Green
Tuesday	23rd	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	24th	10.00am	Holy Union sisters 200th year anniversary
Thursday	25th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday	26th	10.00am	Bob Springer R.I.P(Anniversary)
Saturday	27th	6.00pm	Claire Karitzis, The Meehan Family Intentions

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

We hope this brings our Christian family together.

Today we pray for Society of Friends, Sherborne

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Weekly Letter

“An address of Pope Leo to priests on the Feast of the Sacred Heart”

Dear brother priests,

On the day when the Church ponders her Lord’s pierced Heart, from which gushes forth an inexhaustible fountain of peace and unity for all humanity, I first address to myself and to all of you the words that God spoke to the people of Israel: “Be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.” This divine call echoes down the ages. Even today it resonates strongly with every believer and, in a particular way, with us priests. Holiness is neither one option among many nor an abstract ideal, for it involves the very identity of every person who wishes to share in the life of the risen One.

God invites us to share in his own holiness. When he calls us to be holy as he is holy, he indicates that the path we must follow involves being fashioned after his own Heart. And for us, dear brothers, this call is particularly radical. The Lord has promised: “And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding” The holiness he asks of us is a trustful abandonment, allowing ourselves to be transformed by the Holy Spirit. Yet it is precisely here that the great paradox of our priestly life emerges. We are called to share in God’s own holiness, but we carry this treasure in earthen vessels. We are limited and imperfect, often weak and weary, and at times wounded. How can such a vulnerable human heart respond to such a high calling? The priest lives this tension. Yet at the same time, he must recognise that he finds peace in the open side of the Lord Jesus.

I entrust each and every one of you to the Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests. May she, who cherished the mystery of her Son in her heart, also teach us to keep alive and make the Heart of Christ, Saviour of the world, beat within us.

God bless us all and may we all rejoice in the gift of the God’s love for us revealed in Sacred Heart today – and always.

- Fr Robert

“Let the children live”

Last weekend we were joined by Fr Peter Walter, a Catholic priest who founded a charity called “Let the children live” in South America. It is charity that reaches out to street children who have no other support and help. It offers help as a place of last resort. I am very grateful to Fr Peter for agreeing to come here and talk to us.

Many people have commented on how much they got from his words. If you wish to contribute to the charity, you can do so through the parish, through their website or through the cashless giving in the narthex. Thank you.

Prayers of the faithful

21st June 2026 – 12th Sunday of the year

We pray for the church throughout the world, the flock of Christ: for all those in ministry called and chosen to follow Christ.

For all throughout the world whose lives are threatened, whose futures are uncertain, whose prospects are minimal, who live in unjust societies. We pray that all who govern and lead may do so aware of the true needs of all their people.

We pray for all those in the parish who are sick and housebound and for all who look after for them, we pray for all who work in the medical and caring profession, and for all who dedicate themselves to care for family members.

We pray for ourselves that we may be people of faith who show 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.

Please pray for

Sam and Casper to be baptised next weekend, and for their family.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 21st June – Twelfth Sunday of the year

Jer 20:10-13 Ps 68 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

Jesus' instructions to the twelve and the words of Jeremiah remind us that discipleship is not necessarily for the faint of heart! Jeremiah is confronted by "Terror from every side" – even his friends are against him; and that is the case even though Jeremiah is trying to follow the explicit command of God to speak the words given to him. The twelve are similarly commanded to speak out Jesus' words "from the house-tops" – though the next sentence tells them that it will bring persecution. This is part of Matthew's second great discourse – the first being the Sermon on the Mount. This missionary discourse is a call to fidelity rooted in trust – the disciples are not to be afraid because they are intimately known and loved by the Father who has counted "every hair in their head."

Although Matthew writes Jesus' words as being to the Twelve at the time of their calling, their significance is addressed to those of the early church, and indeed of all times when Christians face hostility and persecution. In that sense Jesus' words in this passage are always relevant because there are always parts of the world where the gospel has to be proclaimed in a hostile environment. These words pondered today can challenge even those who live in a benign culture and society – they will always be a call to be wary of being too comfortable. Ultimately, of course, the security of the disciples rests in the hands of the one who calls and chooses them as disciples, and as Jeremiah knew, in spite of his struggles, the Lord: "has delivered the soul of the needy."

For reflection:

In what situations do you feel challenged by Jesus' words from today's gospel?

Do you believe that your ultimate security rests entirely with the Lord?

What shows that?

Church Services this week:

Mass in the parish church –

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.00am

Private prayer with Exposition Tuesday and Thursday 10.00 - 11.00am

Dates for your Diary

Parish Mum's Group in the Church Hall

Friday 26th June 10.30am-12.30pm.

This is simply a chance to come together, have a chat, and get to know other mums in the parish, with your children alongside you. We'll have **tea, coffee, and cake**, and something to keep the children happy too, with **toys, colouring, and activities**. *No pressure, no expectations*

Just a friendly space to meet, talk, and build community. No need to book, just pop in - we'd love you to join us!

Friends Together Lunch

Wednesday - 1st July from 11.30am

(Donations will be shared equally between CAFOD and The Rendezvous (a Sherborne based charity))



Please come and celebrate
Deacon Jonathan's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

Friday 3rd July, Mass at 6.30pm followed by a buffet lunch in the hall
– *all welcome!*

Please add your name to the sheet in the narthex
for catering numbers.

Thank you.

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 other 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.