



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
14th June 2026**



Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 3

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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	13th	6.00pm	David & Danny Pitcher R.I.P
Sunday	14th	10.30am	James & Simone Draper R.I.P
Monday	15th	10.00am	Oliver Nadasy - Intentions
Tuesday	16th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	17th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Thursday	18th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday	19th	10.00am	The Sisters who have served in the Parish - Foundation Mass
Saturday	20th	6.00pm	Daniel Ndeze Salumu, Sr Odette Buma & Sr Modestine Magay R.I.P

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



Today we pray for Sherborne Abbey

We hope this brings our Christian family together.

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Weekly Letter

“Feast of the Sacred Heart”

Around the 14th of February every year shops and restaurants everywhere display innumerable posters and images of hearts of all shapes and sizes to attract attention and invite customers to enter and spend – it’s the feast of St Valentine, or Valentine’s day and a symbol of human love and an invitation to celebrate it. Universally the heart is a symbol of human love and expresses it. But for Christians the heart is also a symbol of divine love, and that is why we have the great feast of the Sacred Heart and the devotion associated with it.

In our Cathedral in Plymouth is a great window of the Sacred Heart which I often find myself contemplating when I join Mass there for one of the many celebrations of the Diocese held there. It is composed of panels depicting saints from across the centuries who had a specific devotion or understanding of the Sacred Heart and shows how widespread across time and place the devotion to the Heart of Jesus as a sign of His love and mercy towards humanity. Our parish church is dedicated to the Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm, and the Sisters who founded our parish have always had a great devotion to Christ’s love revealed in the Sacred Heart.

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart - Friday 12th June, we will celebrate all this with Mass at 6.30pm, followed by a celebration in the hall – all are encouraged to come and join!

God bless you 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

Prayers of the faithful

14th June 2026 – 11th Sunday of the year

We pray for the church throughout the world: that we may be a sign of God's kingdom at all times.

We pray for those in our world who have fled from their homes, for refugees, migrants and the dispossessed. May the Lord bring consolation to those in need, and may we hold them in our prayer.

We pray for all those whose lives are spent in teaching and in building up the faith of others as catechists and all those who pass on the faith in their families. May they see the fruit of their work.

We pray for those in our parish who have recently received the sacraments of Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation. May we support them with our prayers and example.

We pray for those who have died: that they may share the vision of God.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection **14th June – 11th Sunday in Ordinary time** **Ex 19:2-6 Ps99 Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36-10:8**

All three readings offered to us today appear to emphasise the grave disadvantage that is the lot of those addressed. The Hebrews in the passage from Exodus have managed to flee from Pharaoh and his army, but they are now in the wilderness where they have experienced – and complained about - lack of food and lack of water, and they have been attacked by the Amalekites. Paul reminds the Romans of their situation of being helpless and having been enemies of God. In the gospel the crowds are harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. We are confronted by these passages with the truth of the inherent vulnerability of humankind, and its inability to save itself. In its helplessness, humanity is without hope unless and until God chooses to act out of love. Because human dependency on God is absolute, there is always the need for salvation. The Lord reminds Moses of what he has done and indicates that as

evidence that God will continue to act for his people: “I will count you a consecrated nation.” St Paul points to the sacrificial death of Christ as the way humankind are made righteous, and that means that “we may count on being saved by the life of his Son.” When Jesus sees the crowds who are lost and dejected, he acts decisively to provide shepherds for them. The appointment of the twelve and their commissioning with authority and power ensures that the kingdom of heaven will always be proclaimed and be close at hand.

The vulnerability and powerlessness of humanity is not a recent phenomenon marked by global warming, war, disease and famine; and ultimately it is not hopeless because, these readings assure us, God has acted and will continue to act, and that action is manifest to – and through - those “who are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

For reflection:

*In what situations do you feel harassed and dejected?
Do you often vulnerable due to your humanity? How do you cope with that?*

Church Services this week

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

***Private prayer with Exposition Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
10.00 - 11.00am***

Please note:

***Wednesday 12 noon Mass at Plymouth Cathedral to celebrate priestly
Jubilees across the Diocese – all welcome.***

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## ***“Let the children live”***

This weekend we will be 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 – I know we sometimes hear about street children in the press and through the media, but I know the opportunity to actually listen to what the situation is and what is being done from someone actually totally engaged in it is a rare chance and so I hope you will be able to discover what goes on and what you can do to help some of the most forgotten and vulnerable of God’s little ones.

There will be the opportunity to meet him and ask questions after each Mass.

### **THANK YOU**

Many thanks to everyone involved in creating such a very special day last Sunday for the children making their First Holy Communion!

### **The Music Group Needs You!!**

We need new members to play instruments and sing with us at Mass once a month. We know that many of you sing loudly when we lead the music and need new members to help us to continue singing and playing.

We are all people who worship at this Church and *we use the gift of music that God has given us to contribute to the celebration of Mass.*

We especially need instrument players to play with John our flute player. If you are a young person learning an instrument, a regular player or somebody has not played for a while we would very much like to hear from you. We normally practice before Mass on Sunday morning and can arrange further rehearsals as needed.

If you are interested in exploring joining us, please contact Andrew our leader on [andrewhouseley@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewhouseley@btinternet.com) or talk to one of our members.

## Dates for your Diary

*Parish Mum's Group in the Church Hall*

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026, at 11.30am.**

Any funds raised will continue to be split between CAFOD & Rendezvous. We look forward to seeing you there!

***Save the date!***

***Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July*** - Deacon Jonathan's Celebration of his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination. Further details to follow shortly.

## *From the Plymouth Office*

Please click on the following link for the latest Diocesan Newsletter:

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-5EF9A62E5613824F2540EF23F30FEDED>

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*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.*

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**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.