



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

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**Daily Mass Year 1 – Daily Prayer 2**



E-mail: [sherborne@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:sherborne@prcdtr.org.uk) website: [www.sherbornecatholicchurch.org](http://www.sherbornecatholicchurch.org)

**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.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Claire &amp; Ben Anderson RIP</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Patricia June Pascua RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10-11.00am</b>	<b>Private prayer &amp; Exposition</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Eileen Fitzgerald RIP</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>10-11.00am</b>	<b>Private prayer &amp; Exposition</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Fr Jules Van Heede RIP (Foundation)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Felix Billington</b>



**Sherborne Churches Together** invites us to pray for a particular worshipping community each week. Today we pray for St. James the Great, Longburton. We hope this brings our Christian family together.

**Office Tel: 01935 812021**

Convent: 01935 816591 (For Mass intentions)

Mgr. Canon Robert Draper

**The Parish House, Westbury, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3EL Tel: 01935 816420**

Deacon Jonathan Simon Tel: 01935 873100

The Parish of the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, Registered Charity No. 213227

## *Weekly Letter*

### *“Pope Francis”*

I was struck by how immediately after the announcement of the death of Pope Francis the media were speculating about a successor, listing the contenders and what they stood for, and asking whether the next Pope should be “conservative” or “liberal” and where should he come from and so on. What struck me was how something – the death of a revered and much-loved man - should be treated like television drama. But then I suspect for most Catholics, like myself, the Pope is not simply “the leader of the Roman Catholic Church” – some sort of super CEO, but “the Holy Father” – and it is that paternal relationship to each of us which really matters.

I certainly had no idea who was going to be elected after Pope Benedict retired, and I am not sure I’d ever heard of Cardinal Bergoglio who became Pope Francis, so I am not speculating on the conclave. I would like to think that I can put my trust and my hope in the workings of the Holy Spirit, and in the judgement and faith of those cardinals who are entrusted to discern who among them is the right person to shepherd the Church in these turbulent times.

I shall be praying for the process, and I will continue to pray for Pope Francis, and no doubt, learn more about him and his vision of the Church as more is revealed in these days following his death.

It is quite clear from the gospels that the Lord entrusted Peter with the task of shepherd of His flock, even though he was aware of Peter’s weakness. My task in this is to keep myself faithful in prayer and for all of us to encourage one another and await the white smoke from the Sistine chapel, that will tell us that, once again, we have a Pope.

May your celebration this Easter, as we pray for the Church at this time, be a great consolation and a real inspiration to your faith.

God bless you during this Holy time. – *Fr Robert*

## **Prayers of the faithful**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

We pray for the church throughout the world: for all the baptised who become daughters and sons of God by water and the Holy Spirit, especially Diana baptised this Sunday from our own community.

When Jesus came to his disciples he proclaimed “Peace be with you” we pray for those in our world who live with fear and danger. May the Lord bring his gift of Peace.

We pray for our families, for those dear to us and for those we know in need, that the Lord may bless them this Easter.

We pray for ourselves that we may learn to forgive others and receive the forgiveness of God in our lives.

We pray for Pope Francis and all those who have died: that they may share in the Resurrection of Christ.

### **Sunday Readings – a brief reflection**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 117; Rev 1:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31.

The picture that Luke gives us of the first followers of the Risen Lord in the first reading is an idealised one – he wants his readers to know what sorts of signs reveal an authentic Christian community. And an essential part of that is the effect it has on others – and a lot of the language used by Luke in dealing with such things as healings deliberately echoes the language used to describe Jesus’ own ministry. The community has a clear continuity with the Lord. That is an integral part of Luke’s theology of the Church as expressed in the book of Acts.

There is a wonderful contrast with the second reading from the book of Revelation. The Liturgy of the Word at Mass throughout the various cycles is restrained with passages from Revelation – that is because it can seem quite alien to the modern world, and yet the last book of the Scriptures has an important role in reminding us all that we cannot domesticate God’s Word. We may allow ourselves to become over-comfortable with some passages from the gospels or selected passages from the Psalms and Prophets to comfort us, but the extraordinary words of John of

Patmos will always challenge us and call us to think long and hard about the God who is revealed in Jesus Christ. We can sometimes read the resurrection as a “happy ending” to a difficult story, which makes everything right, and allows us to carry on as normal. Reading Revelation invites us to acknowledge that with the Resurrection everything has changed, and the way has been opened to the infinite and unimaginable – and that is where we are destined. Faced with the inconceivable, like Thomas, we are invited to simply believe by the gift of faith.

*For reflection:*

*Do you find the ideal picture which Luke paints in Acts of the early Church encouraging, or is it “impossible”?*

*Do you give any time to reading the Book of Revelation? Why is that?*

***Mass this week in the church  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.00,***

***Confessions – on request***



“Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.”

***Please note – the new parish web-site is now online – see details in this newsletter  
and feel free to feed back comments***

***Diocesan Jubilee passports “Pilgrims of hope” are available for you to collect in the  
sacristy.***

---

***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 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.*

---

### ***Our new parish website!***

The Parish has a new website : <https://www.sherbornecatholicchurch.org>.

This website was put together by a small team of volunteers, as the old website for Sherborne Town is no longer supported. Our new website will be reviewed in 6 months time; it contains information about our Church, links to appropriate websites and comprehensive information (e.g. safeguarding, streaming masses etc).

You will be able to download the newsletter and other information that is currently available in hard copy in the narthex. Please note that the Contact Us link on the website is only intended for communication with the Parish Office on Parish matters. If you would like to provide some feedback to the team about the website, please email: [info@sherbornecatholicchurch.org](mailto:info@sherbornecatholicchurch.org). *Thank you. (Tricia Chapman, PPC member).*

### **Dates for your Diary**



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**6.30p.m for a 7.00p.m. kick-off; maximum of 6 per team; £3 entry per person; proceeds to CAFOD.**

***Advance notices:***

***Craft Club – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May – 3.00pm – 4.30pm***

***Leweston Concert in church Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 4pm***

***From the Plymouth office:***

***Please click on the link to a special newsletter on the death of Pope Francis :***

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-2886116AFE83420F2540EF23F30FEDED>.

### **Vacancy in the Diocese of Plymouth:**

We have a vacancy for a Parish Secretary role at Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Cecilia in Blandford Forum.

Please see poster in the narthex, or contact Kristine in our parish office. Hours are 9-12 per week to include a Friday. Applications are by covering letter and application form to: [recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk).

---

**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 11am Thursday.

There is someone 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:** Kristine Mountain  
Jennie Haynes

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Deacon Jonathan Simon,  
Georgina Bruce, Tricia Chapman,  
Michael Farebrother, Tim Kelly,  
Tess O'Rourke, Lulu Paul.

**HALL BOOKINGS:** Please email or phone the Office.