



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

11th October 2026

**Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 4
PRISONERS SUNDAY**



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**The Parish Office
is open on Wednesday & Friday mornings -
(emails and telephone calls are monitored all week)**

Saturday	10th	6.00pm	Tom Stewart R.I.P
Sunday	11th	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	12th	10.00am	NO MASS
Tuesday	13th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	14th	10.00am	For the sick & housebound
Thursday	15th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday	16th	10.00am	Jerry Gomez R.I.P
Saturday	17th	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intention

***We welcome Fr Anthony Pennicott, who will be celebrating
Mass for us this weekend whilst Fr. Robert is away.***

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

Today we pray for the Society of Friends.

We hope this brings our Christian family together

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Weekly Letter

Reflections on the Rosary for October

Pope John Paul II – 2003

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christian communities will be able to relive the original experience of the *Upper Room*, where with one accord the disciples devoted themselves to prayer with the Mother of Jesus.

For the Apostles, Mary's motherly presence *reminded them of Christ*: her eyes reflected the Saviour's face; her immaculate heart preserved *his mysteries*, from the Annunciation to the Resurrection and the Ascension into Heaven, through his public life, passion and death.

In this sense one can say that the prayer of the Rosary was born in the Upper Room, because it was here that the first Christians began to *contemplate with Mary the face of Christ*, recalling the different episodes of his earthly life.

May the Rosary be rediscovered all the more and valued as a *Christological and contemplative prayer*.

I wanted to mention two special prayer intentions for this year, dedicated precisely to the Holy Rosary: *the family*, whose fundamental principles and values are unfortunately seriously threatened, and *peace in the world*, with special reference to the *Holy Land*. May the Lord obtain that despite the fierce violence that is continuing to rage and which offends God and man, the search for just solutions may be intensified and negotiated in order to guarantee to all people serenity and peace.

A short reflection on the readings for this Sunday
Sunday 11th October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary time

Is 25:6-10 Ps 22 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

Like last week Jesus continues to speak in parables and takes the theme of this parable from one of the great images from the Old Testament. The vision of the great banquet or wedding feast crops up frequently in the Hebrew scriptures as an image of humanity dwelling with God. The lovely picture in the reading from Isaiah is just such a passage and carries with it the twin promises of consolation and joy. It is a vision of redemption and hope fulfilled. The gospel parable begins where the Isaiah vision concludes – all is ready and everything prepared, the guests have only to turn up at the feast. The shock of their lack of interest and rejection is meant to be startling.

Their places are taken by anyone prepared to come – “bad and good alike.” But their presence is not without conditions. The account of the guest without a wedding garment thrown out of the hall is unsettling. Many debate what the meaning of the wedding garment might mean: baptism, good works, something else? But the message is that however poor the guest, however inadequate their lives, something must demonstrate that they belong at the wedding. Redemption and the invitation to share God’s life is for all and the doors of the wedding hall are flung open, but the guests do have to positively elect to attend.

For reflection:

Do you think of yourself as personally invited to the wedding feast?

Would you say with St Paul, that there is nothing you cannot master with the help of the One who gives us strength?

Prisoners Sunday – 11th October 2026

"In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us to show concern for prisoners: 'I was in prison and you visited me'. I encourage you to play your part in Pact's important work, whether through prayer, volunteering or financial support, putting the values of the Gospel into action and working for the common good of all." *Archbishop Richard Moth*

28th Week in Ordinary time - Bidding Prayers

We pray for the church, for all God's people who are invited through their Baptism to make up the Body of Christ in our world.

We pray for all in our world whose lives are shrouded with fear and illness: we pray especially for those people whose illness separates them from others.

We pray for all those who work in the medical and caring professions, we give thanks for their skill and dedication, and we pray that they may be supported by the Lord and valued by society.

We pray for ourselves that we may always seek to see others as beloved daughters and sons of God.

We pray for the dead, that they may be welcomed to the table of the Lord where every tear will be wiped away

In this month of October we ask Mary Mother of the Church to pray with us . . .

Church Services this week:

Tuesday – Private prayer & Exposition

Wednesday Mass 10.00am

Thursday – Private prayer & Exposition

Friday Mass 10.00am

Parish Dates for your Diary

‘Scripture Matters’

Our next meeting will be on Friday 16th October @ 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.



Mass with Anointing – Sunday 18th October at 3pm

If you feel you can help with providing small sandwiches, cakes etc., for refreshments in the hall after the Mass, there is a poster up in the narthex.

Thank you!



Global Rosary – Thursday 22nd October at 6.30pm

Please join us to recite a global Rosary for Peace, on the Feast of St. John Paul II.

From the Plymouth Office:

We need you!

Plymouth CAST is a Catholic multi-academy trust of 34 schools and 1 nursery, spanning the Diocese of Plymouth. Our mission is to be a community of outstanding schools in which our pupils flourish in safe, happy, and stimulating environments and leave us with the knowledge and skills, personal qualities, and aspirations, to make the world a better place, inspired by the Gospel.

We are looking to expand our Board of Directors. We are particularly interested in hearing from you if you have skills and current or recent experience of education at primary or secondary level, particularly within a multi-academy trust.

*Please contact the Clerk to the Trust Board for further information,
Mrs Leah Paiano lpaiano@plymouthcast.org.uk*

Prayer Conference - Buckfast Abbey, Saturday Oct 31 & Nov 1. 2026 UNBOUND Freedom in Christ.

*Prayer Conference. Buckfast Abbey,
Saturday Oct 31 & Sunday Nov 1. 2026 (weekend event)*

A weekend immersion in the inspirational teaching of UNBOUND Deliverance Ministry. A safe, gentle and non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry model, which helps people reclaim their true identity in Christ. Come and join us as we unpack each of the key themes of the ministry; Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessing. With an opportunity for a personal prayer session and the chance to claim true freedom in Christ. Weekend tickets from £65.

Call or email Michele Thompson, Officer for Evangelisation for more information 07940 453607 michele.thompson@prcdtr.org.uk

For more information on Unbound Ministry please follow the link:

<https://www.unboundprayer.com/>



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 Wednesday and Friday mornings.

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.