



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



**20th September 2026
Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 1
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

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**Over the next few weeks, the Parish Office
will be open on Friday mornings only,
(any emails or telephone messages
will be monitored regularly).**

Saturday	19th	6.00pm	Tessa Herring R.I.P
Sunday	20th	10.30am	Mark Coreth's family intention
Monday	21st	10.00am	NO MASS
Tuesday	22nd	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	23rd	10.00am	Communion Service
Thursday	24th	10-11.00am	Private prayer
Friday	25th	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday	26th	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intention

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

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

Today we pray for St Paul's Church

We hope this brings our Christian family together

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Weekly Letter

At Baptism, we begin a life-long journey and a way of life. **At Confirmation**, the graces received in Baptism are sealed with the reception of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The words that Jesus shared with his disciples at Pentecost apply to each one of us at Confirmation, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses (Acts 1:8).

The prophets of the Old Testament foretold that God's Spirit would rest upon the Messiah to sustain his mission. Their prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus, the Messiah (Christ), was conceived by the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus on the occasion of his baptism by John. Jesus' entire mission occurred in communion with the Spirit. Before he died, Jesus promised that the Spirit would be given to the Apostles and to the entire Church. After his death, he was raised by the Father in the power of the Spirit.

The Sacrament of Confirmation confers the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. As such, Confirmation is ordinarily administered by the bishop, who is the successor of the apostles.

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighbourhoods, society, and the world.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, knowledge, right judgement, understanding, courage, piety, and fear of the Lord. In this way, the Sacrament of Confirmation completes the Sacrament of Baptism.

~Fr Robert

Brief reflection on the Sunday readings:

Sunday 20th September. Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

Is 55:6-9 Ps 144 Phil 1:20-24, 27 Mt 20:1-16

Last week's parable of the master cancelling the servant's debt should have made us stop and think – today's will do the same. As Isaiah puts it in the first reading: "my ways are not yours" – God does things differently. Jesus uses parables to reveal how "upside down" the world of the gospel is to contemporary thinking. The idea of paying exactly the same wage for those who work for a single hour as those who work all day defies all our sense of economics as well as fair play (as the other workers complain). In this week's parable the key factor is quite simple – **everyone** needs their daily bread as the Lord's prayer states. We are given no reason as to why the labourers at the end of the day are unemployed – were they last because they didn't turn up until late? Were they known to be untrustworthy? Were they unwilling to push themselves forward? We are not told, and in the scheme of the kingdom these things do not matter. What matters is that they need their denarius (the word that means a day's wage and a day's keep). There is a real logic here – and it is not the logic of "fair play" or "market forces". The strong teaching of the Sermon on the Mount at the beginning of Matthew's gospel "you have heard how it is said . . . but I say to you" comes back in parable form in the last part of Matthew's gospel. There is always a temptation to hear the parables as pious stories, but in Matthew's pattern of things – which is Jesus' – the reality is that they are a real challenge to make the effort to discover just how different God's ways are from ours.

Bidding Prayers 20th September

We pray for the church throughout the world: for all leaders and those in ministry that they may see their calling to serve God's people.

We pray for those in our world who rule and govern, that they may recognise that their position is one of service to their people.

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

We pray for ourselves that we may be people who always seek to avoid disharmony and jealousy, and be people of compassion and peacemakers.

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

Church Services this week:

Communion Service Wednesday 10.00am

Private prayer with Exposition Tuesday 10.00 - 11.00am

Private prayer Thursday 10.00 - 11.00am



A message from Bishop Hudson:

Home Mission Sunday

This Sunday, 20th September, we will celebrate Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authentic humanity which finds its fullness in Christ. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website - Home Mission Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference.

The Second Collection on this weekend is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales.

Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

Parish Dates for your Diary

CAFOD Deanery Meeting

Saturday 19th September 10:30am for an 11.00am start

Followed by a bring and share lunch at 1pm.

We are delighted to once again be hosting this biannual meeting and look forward to welcoming parish representatives from across our Deanery. If you are interested in the work of CAFOD, this is a great opportunity to meet the team and find out more about our Harvest Appeal for 2026. *Helpers to serve tea and coffee and lay out the lunch would be very welcome!*

Please contact Tess O'Rourke on teresajane461@gmail.com

*Parish Mum's Group in the Church Hall Friday 25th September
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!

Save the Date!

*Our next Film Friday will take place on Friday 2nd October-
further details to follow.*

Preparation for First Holy Communion 2026-2027

We are starting to prepare First Holy Communion sessions and invite any parent who wishes their child/children to make their First Holy Communion on 30th May 2027 to contact us.

Notice of a registration day will be announced shortly – this will be a relaxed information meeting, with registration forms completed (this is a legal requirement) and the children given their books and bibles which they will need at all sessions. The “I Belong” programme is followed and the Catechists who run the sessions are DBS checked.

Please contact:

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From the Plymouth Office:

Evangelisation Roadshow Saturday 26th September at St Benedict's, Gillingham 10am to 2.15pm.

We (the Diocesan Evangelisation Team) are bringing the Roadshow to different areas of the diocese so that you can hear about the latest outreach projects and participate in the excitement of sharing ideas with others from Dorset. Refreshments (coffee/tea, croissants and fruit) will be provided but please bring a packed lunch to see you through! Fr Cletus will start the day with Mass at 10am with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The presentations will start at 11am then a workshop so that we can harvest/discuss your ideas from the day. We finish with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We are looking forward to growing in mission with you in north Dorset! ALL welcome!

For further information – contact: pippa.worth@prcdtr.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.