



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
19th April 2026**



**Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 2
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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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	18th	6.00pm	Hilary Grant and family
Sunday	19th	10.30am	Fr. Michael Hayes RIP
Monday	20th	11.30am	Requiem for Thelma Horsley
Tuesday	21st	10-11.00am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	22nd	10.00am	The Farebrother family
Thursday	23rd	10-11.00am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Friday	24th	10.00am	Mary Quinn RIP
Saturday	25th	6.00pm	The people of the Parish



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 closer together.

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Weekly Letter

“The sacraments”

During the Easter season of the Church's year, we are encouraged to celebrate all the sacraments because they are the gifts of the Risen Lord to his Church.

As Christians the journey of our lives is about coming to know God better, about building the kingdom of God here on earth, and, finally, to be with God forever. As Catholic Christians we move on this journey as the Church, that gathering of the baptised, striving to be the sign of Christ in the world.

Thus, we are a community, the community of Christ. God's love for us, his will for us to participate in his life, is manifested in the Incarnation, God's giving of himself in the humanity of Jesus; 'the word became flesh and lived among us'. Jesus is the visible, outward sign of God's love for us. And, in turn, it is in the Church that Christ remains visible and tangible for us, most particularly in our encounters with him in the sacraments.

The sacraments are where we meet Christ, where God's action, in Christ, through the Church, transforms us, bringing us to what God wants us to be. As baptised Christians, this is what we want too; we want to be what God wills for us. And what God wills for us is a life of joy in his presence and the promise of eternity.

The sacraments are always actions of Christ because they make Christ present, in his dying and rising. They are always actions of Christ because they are celebrated by the body of Christ, the Church. 'He is present in the sacraments by his power, in such a way that when someone baptises, Jesus himself baptises'. For those who take part in the celebration of a sacrament, they have a personal meeting with Christ.

The Church describes the seven sacraments as 'sacraments of faith'. In that personal meeting with Christ faith is presupposed, a necessary initial element for the effectiveness of the sacrament. For the sacraments 'nourish, strengthen and express' that faith. The grace we receive in the sacraments, God's communication of love to us, leads us then to express that love, worshipping God and living the life Christ reveals to us through the Spirit.

Grace transforms us, for the knowledge and experience of love can do nothing less. God offers us the gift of grace freely; the onus on us is to accept that grace, to be open to a relationship with God, through Christ, in the power of the Spirit.

God bless us all, as we have journeyed together with Christ through his Passion and now may encounter him as the Risen Lord who has come to us above all in the sacraments *- Fr Robert*

Prayers of the faithful

19th April 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

We pray for the church throughout the world: for all who form the holy people of God, gathered in worship and witness.

We pray for those in our world who live with fear, violence, oppression and disease. We pray for all those who strive to bring them comfort, peace, justice and health, especially in the Middle East.

We pray for our parish community, for those preparing for Confirmation next weekend, those preparing for First Holy Communion in June, for those to be baptised, for our infirm and housebound who will celebrate the anointing of the sick. May the gift of God in the sacraments build up our community through these members.

We pray for all those known to us who have need of our prayer, those in our families, among our friends and in our community.

We pray for all those who have died: that they may share in the Liturgy of heaven.

Please pray for:

Hannah and Henry being married here this weekend.

Those preparing to receive the sacraments this Eastertide, especially the young people being confirmed at Leweston next Saturday.

Thelma Horsley whose funeral is this coming Monday, and her family.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 19th April–3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 22 1Peter 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus – which is unique to Luke – is a masterful account of the whole process of coming to faith in Jesus as the risen Lord. The two disciples cannot make sense of the clash of their hopes and the reality of the crucifixion: as for so many people the categories of triumph and success do not coincide with those of death and defeat. What they need – and are given – is an understanding based on the scriptures that shows that the events of “these last few days” fit fully with the way God chooses to operate. The great speech of Peter which is our first reading, and many of the great speeches from Luke’s book of the Acts of the Apostles show precisely how the scriptures and history of Israel can articulate the events of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection. Luke leads from this work of explanation through the word to a startling

confirmation of all that has been said. The two disciples ask Jesus to stay with them: “the day is almost over” they say – words that occurred earlier in the gospel, at the feeding of the five thousand (9:12). Then Jesus (acting as host) takes the bread, blesses it and hands it to them – words that again recall the feeding of the five thousand, but also, more significantly, the Last Supper; at that moment they recognise who Jesus is and he is no longer there at table – but his presence, in the word he shared, and in the bread he blessed, abides for them – as for all who gather this week at the table of the word and at the table of the altar.

For reflection:

*Do you feel that you encounter Jesus in the scriptures and do you ever sense your heart burning within that encounter?
Do you find that you do indeed “recognise Jesus in the breaking of bread”?*

Church Services this week:

***Mass in the parish church – Monday 11.30am –
Requiem for Thelma Horsley***

Wednesday and Friday 10.00am

Private prayer with Exposition Tuesday and Thursday 10.00-11.00am

Lenten Lunches 2026

The Lenten Lunches team just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone that supported us this year. The unofficial count is £1000 raised over the Lenten period. This will be split between CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) and Rendezvous (A local charity supporting people between 18 - 25).

Dates for your Diary

Parish Mum's Group in the Church Hall

Mums, you're warmly invited to the **Parish Mum's Group, on Friday 1st May 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. Whether you have a baby, school-aged children, teenagers, or a mix of everything, you are very welcome.

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!*



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### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Quiz Night**

*6.30pm for 7.00pm start, £3 entry fee per person, maximum of 6 per team ~ bring your own refreshments.*

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'Lunches Together'

Following the success of the Lenten lunches, we are pleased to announce that we will continue lunches on the **first Wednesday of every month, starting Wednesday 6th May 2026, at 11.30am.**

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

From the Plymouth Office:

***Heatree Residential 15th - 17th May, 'Go make disciples of all nations'
Matt 28:19***

Heatree is an outdoor activity centre based on Dartmoor. The weekend is open to those aged 9 - 12 (school years 5 - 7). Whilst enjoying high ropes and raft building (amongst other activities) young people will have the chance to explore the Sunday readings through discussion, crafts and games. Cost £90.

To book follow the link: [Heatree 2026 15th-17th May – Fill in form](#)
Further information email: Saskia or Ruby: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

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, Tess O'Rourke,
Lulu Paul, Sr. Rose.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Please email or phone the Office.