



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
13th July 2025
SEA SUNDAY**



Daily Mass Year 1 – Daily Prayer 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	12th	6.00 pm	Rick Herring RIP (Anniv)
Sunday	13th	10.30 am	Bill Walker RIP
Monday	14th	10.00 am	Rodrigo Gomez RIP
Tuesday	15th	10.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	16th	10.00 am	Sr. Carmel RIP
Thursday	17th	10.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Friday	18th	12 noon	Requiem Mass Ann Clarke RIP
Saturday	19th	6.00 pm	May McGrath RIP

***Sea Sunday** is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in Church via the card machine or in the basket. Thank you.*



Sherborne Churches Together invites us to pray for a particular worshipping community each week. Today we pray for Sherborne Abbey. We hope that this will bring our Christian family closer together.

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Weekly Letter

“pilgrimage”

Last Saturday some of us from the parish joined in a special Mass at Dorchester in honour of the Chideock martyrs – St John Cornelius and companions. These were a group of catholic martyrs from the 16th century who were executed for their Catholic faith – they were taken to Dorchester, condemned and executed – the monument by Dame Elizabeth Frink near the Parish centre is a striking reminder of how cruel and harsh human beings can be against those they disagree with – perhaps a lesson we could all take some time to ponder.

The Mass was a part of the celebration of the year of Jubilee proclaimed by Pope Francis, and local dioceses were encouraged to designate certain churches and shrines as places of pilgrimage during the year to invite people to give time and prayer to local places associated with the faith – in this Diocese Dorchester as well as Crediton, Launceston and the Cathedral were so designated, and members of the diocese are encouraged to journey to them to seek the mercy and grace of God as a sign of hope.

It may seem odd to think of going to Dorchester as a place of pilgrimage – I am sure lots of us go there for shopping, or to the hospital or for entertainment. But the nature of pilgrimage is not that it should be difficult and strange (though it may well be so) but that it is undertaken very deliberately as a sign of trust and hope in God, it is about gathering with others to express our faith, to share the sacraments and share the hope by which we live.

I am sure if we undertake something very difficult, it can make a big impact on our lives, but God is also very present in the ordinary as we all know very well, so going to Dorchester can be a real act of devotion and faith – even though it may be something we do often.

You may decide to collect a pilgrim passport from the sacristy and plan to visit each of the designated shrines in the Diocese, or you may choose to carry out some other act of faith and devotion during the course of this Jubilee year – there are many opportunities and suggestions on the Diocesan website – but what matters is undertaking something, however simple, as a reminder to ourselves that we live by the mercy and compassion of God.

May God bless us all and help us celebrate this Jubilee year, so that the Lord can deepen our faith, hope and charity!

- Fr Robert

Prayers of the faithful

15th Sunday

We pray for the church throughout the world: we pray for a Bishop for our diocese.

We pray for those in our world who live with uncertainty, with fear and with the loss of livelihood, home and family. May the Lord bring them consolation, and may we hold them in our prayer.

We pray for all those in the parish who have need of our prayers, for the sick and housebound and those in any kind of trouble. We pray for our families, our friends, our neighbours and all those we love.

We pray for ourselves that we may learn from Jesus and grow in our faith as mature Christians, formed by his teaching.

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

Please pray for

*Ann Clarke – widow of Fr Peter Clarke – both well-known and much loved in this parish – who died this week, and whose funeral will be Friday 18th July.
Pray also for Jill Gorbing who died recently, and whose funeral is being arranged.*

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 13th July – 15th Sunday C.

Dt 30:10-14 Ps 68 Col 15-20 Lk 25-37

The readings given to us today from the book of Deuteronomy and the gospel of Luke are meant to be taken together, because they throw light on the deeper meaning of Torah – the Law. The gospel is the parable of the “Good Samaritan”, a story that will be familiar to many who have never heard the gospel proclaimed in church, but who have an instinctive understanding. Moses addresses the people of Israel in the first reading and announces God’s Law to them – but while he appears to be talking of what is “written in the Book of the Law” it is clear that this is not about slavishly conforming to written rules and regulations, the “ticking boxes” mentality that can sometimes appear to be what is required of people. “No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart”. The real law dwells within the person – for those who seek and choose to discern it. That is also the heart of Jesus’ parable: purity laws and other rules may keep law-abiding people from possible contamination from a dead body, and contact with Samaritans, as well as encourage the far more basic human inclination to avoid any awkward situation. But the Samaritan traveller appears to have no concern for any of these – he simply sees need and responds immediately and effectively. He acts from the heart as the Deuteronomy reading has indicated that one should. And Jesus simply invites all who hear to: “Go, and do the same yourself”.

For reflection:

*In what ways do you think that your faith makes you law-abiding, and
how does it make you compassionate?
How do you understand the idea of Law in the scriptures? What does it
look like in your own life?*

Church Services this week

Mass in the parish church – Monday, and Wednesday at 10.00.

Requiem Mass for Ann Clarke Friday 12 noon

private prayer with Exposition: Tuesday and Thursday 10.00 -11.00.

Confessions – Saturday 5.00 – 5.45 pm and on request

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 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.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 3rd August – Parish Open Meeting after Mass.

This is your chance to see, and also have a say at what goes on in our lovely parish.

Could any group reports for the meeting, please be sent to the office by Monday 28th July – many thanks!

From the Plymouth Office:

Youth Rally 2025, Saturday 20th September, St Rita's, Honiton. 12-18.00.

Aimed at those aged 6-16 years. Come as a team of 6 (over 12's or under 12's) or join a team. It's a fun way to meet others from across the Diocese, have a go at some of the challenges and maybe win a trophy.

To book: <https://forms.office.com/e/swtEZ0viqV> For further information: youth@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.

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HALL BOOKINGS: Please email or phone the Office

