



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
4th October 2026
Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 3**



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**Over the next couple of weeks, the Parish Office
is open on Friday mornings only.
However, any emails or telephone calls will be monitored regularly.**

Saturday	3rd	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	4th	10.30am	Fr. Jules Van Heede R.I.P <i>(Foundation Mass)</i>
Monday	5th	10.00am	NO MASS
Tuesday	6th	10-11.00am	Private prayer
Wednesday	7th	10.00am	Communion Service
Thursday	8th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday	9th	10.00am	NO MASS
Saturday	10th	6.00pm	Tom Stewart R.I.P

***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 Sherborne Abbey

We hope this brings our Christian family together

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Weekly Letter

Reflections on the Rosary for October

(Pope Benedict – 2008)

Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated all that was said about her Son, and what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus.

Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation.

It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary".

Reflection on the readings:
4th October – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7

A vineyard needs a lot of devoted care, pruning, manuring, tying back. In the rocky soil of Israel even more special care is needed, such as gathering the stones to form retaining walls to keep the soil from eroding, building a lookout tower against thieves and a vine-press for crushing the grapes. Then the right fruiting-vine has to be grafted onto the sturdy stock, as here the vine-dresser grafts on fine grapes. Imagine his disappointment when all he gets for his pains is inedible wild grapes! After this haunting parable of Isaiah, the vineyard became a stock image of Israel, swathed in God's loving care, and all the dwellers in the rich vines of the hill-country of Israel would be aware that it was an image of the love lavished on them.

Philippians 4:6-9

If we really appreciate that the Lord is near, we cannot worry and the peace of God will rest upon us. Then also gratitude and thanksgiving will be our mode of thought, penetrating all our thoughts on every subject. The word Paul uses for 'thanksgiving' is the word used for the Eucharist, which is the great prayer of thanksgiving, offered by Christ to the Father in the name of us all.

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus' understanding of the sovereignty of God brought him the violent opposition of some of the Jewish leaders. Were they corrupt, or just closed to any new way of thinking, so closed that they could not see that Jesus was the promised Messiah? Jesus used this story about the tenants of a vineyard to show that they were not leading the people as they should. Everyone would immediately understand the image of the vineyard. What this means for us is that we must be open to the idea that we may be wrong, that our service of the Lord may be faulty, that other people we think are wrong may have more good in them than we credited. God's ways are not our ways, and in humility we must recognise that we still have much to learn.

Prayers of the Faithful – 27th Sunday of the Year

We pray for the church throughout the world: for all God's people who proclaim with their lives the teaching of Jesus.

We pray for all married people, may they be witnesses to divine love and care in our world.

We give thanks for the work of farmers and all those who feed the world and its peoples.

We give thanks for musicians and artists and all who inspire the human spirit, especially those who lead us deeper into the life of God.

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

Church Services this week:

Private prayer Tuesday 10.00 – 11.00am

Communion Service Wednesday 10.00am

Private prayer with Exposition Thursday 10.00 - 11.00am

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Sacristans

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for parishioners who would like to join the small group who take part in this important ministry. This role is vital in setting up the Church and assisting the Clergy to prepare for the celebration of Mass.

Please contact any of the Sacristans on the list in the narthex if you wish to find out more about the role. Thank you!

Pat Herring

Parish Dates for your Diary

Craft Club 3rd October in the church hall, 3.00-4.30pm

Open to children of all ages, and their parents, with a variety of craft activities to choose from. Booking is not essential and there is no charge for materials or refreshments.

Please do just come along and join us! *Katya Heygate-Browne*

The Church Cleaning Group will be meeting for the next session of dusting and polishing on Tuesday 6 October at 2pm. All most welcome - we are a jolly group!

Any queries please contact Maria Connelly 07950 185 391



Friends Together Lunch Club

Wednesday 7th October

11:30am - 1:00pm.

Any donations will be shared equally between CAFOD and The Rendezvous (a Sherborne based charity providing well being and learning support for young people aged 14-25).

Future dates in Oct:

Scripture Matters – 16th October

Mass with Anointing – 18th October

Global Rosary – 22nd October

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.

Registration day will be on ***Saturday 10th October 4.30 –5.30pm***. 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:

VACANCY - Deputy Headteacher at the The Cathedral School of St Mary, Plymouth

Do you have the vision, drive, and leadership skills to make a lasting difference in the lives of young people?

We are seeking an inspirational and strategic leader to join our senior leadership team. This is an exciting opportunity to shape the future direction of our school, working closely with colleagues, pupils, families, and the wider Trust to secure excellence in teaching, learning, and pastoral care.

Full details, job description, recruitment pack and application form can be found using the link below:

<https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Vacancy/Details?campaignref=SCH-PIC-0145>



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.