



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



28th June 2026

**SS PETER & PAUL - APOSTLES
Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 1**

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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	27th	6.00pm	Claire Karitzis, The Meehan Family Intentions
Sunday	28th	10.30am	John Kennedy R.I.P
Monday	29th	10.00am	Jill Veronica Goring R.I.P (anniversary)
Tuesday	30th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Weds	1st June	10.00am	Matthew Maruthur R.I.P (anniversary)
Thursday	2nd	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday	3rd	6.30pm	Mass for Deacon Jonathan's 25th Anniversary of Ordination
Saturday	4th	6.00pm	Deacon John Proctor & Lee Proctor, Golden wedding

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

Today we pray for: St Mary Magdalene, Castleton & St Martin of Tours, Lillington



We hope this brings our Christian family together.

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Weekly Letter

“Pope Leo on the feast of SS Peter and Paul”

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

This is the great feast of the Church of Rome, which was born of the witness of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and made fruitful by the outpouring of their blood and that of many martyrs. Even today, throughout the world, there continue to be Christians whom the Gospel inspires to be generous and courageous even to the sacrifice of their lives. We can speak of an ecumenism of blood, an unseen yet profound unity among Christian Churches that are not yet in full and visible communion. I would like to confirm on this solemn feast that my episcopal ministry is at the service of unity, and that the Church of Rome is committed by the blood shed by Saints Peter and Paul to serving in love the communion of all Churches.

The rock from which Peter received his name is Jesus Christ. He is the rock rejected by the builders, whom God made the cornerstone. This very Square, and the Papal Basilicas of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, are a sign of how that reversal continues in our own day. They are located on the outskirts of the city, “Outside the Walls,” as we say even today. What appears great and glorious to us today, was originally rejected and excluded because it ran counter to the thinking of this world. Those who follow Jesus must tread the path of the Beatitudes, where poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, hunger and thirst for justice, and peace-making are often met with opposition and even persecution. Yet God’s glory shines forth in his friends and continues to shape them along the way, passing from conversion to conversion.

Dear brothers and sisters, at the tombs of the Apostles, which have been the object of pilgrimage for almost two thousand years, we come to realise that we too can pass from conversion to conversion. The New Testament does not conceal the errors, conflicts and sins of those whom we venerate as the greatest Apostles. Their greatness was shaped by forgiveness. The risen Lord reached out to them more than once, to put them back on the right path. Jesus never calls just one time. That is why we can always hope. The Jubilee is itself a reminder of this.

Unity in the Church and among the Churches, dear sisters and brothers, is fostered by forgiveness and mutual trust, beginning with our families and communities. If Jesus can trust us, we can certainly trust one another in his name. May the Apostles Peter and Paul, together with the Virgin Mary, intercede for us, so that in this, our wounded world, the Church may always be a home and school of communion.

God bless us all and may we all rejoice in the gift of the God's love for us always - Fr Robert

Prayers of the faithful

28th June 2026 – SS Peter and Paul

We pray for the church, founded on the apostles, making up the Body of Christ in our world.

We pray for all who, like Paul, proclaim the gospel of Christ, that they may be strengthened and encouraged by the Lord.

We pray for Pope Leo and all who lead the church in the ways of faith. May they, like St Peter, be confirmed in their ministry.

We pray for all victims of war, terrorism and violence, and all who seek to keep us safe. We pray for all those who use violence as a means to achieve their aims that they may repent of their ways.

We pray for those who are imprisoned in body or spirit or mind that they may be delivered.

We pray for the dead, that they may rejoice in the company of the saints.

Please pray for

Sam and Casper baptised this weekend, and for their family.

Leweston school which celebrates "Leavers' Mass" this Thursday, and all students who leave.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 28th June – SS Peter and Paul

(Please note: the solemnity of this feast means that there are separate readings and prayers for the Vigil Mass and for the Mass in the day.)

The Vigil gospel gives us the post-Resurrection gospel from John where Simon Peter who had denied the Lord three times is made to confess his love three times, and then given the call once more: “Follow me.” It is a gospel that shows Peter’s human weakness – but also reminds us that the only qualification the Lord asks for is not strength or will-power, but love. The gospel of the day offers a different picture of Peter – the spokesman for the twelve, and that may seem more comfortable as a role model for one who is to shepherd the Lord’s people. Yet it is abundantly clear that the Lord knows full well that it is not Peter’s insight or wisdom that allows him to make his profession of faith: “It was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.” In the rest of the gospels Peter does not have unalloyed praise either. Paul also can be seen as one who is an unlikely choice for his extraordinary ministry. The great cult of the apostles Peter and Paul tells us many things about the nature of the church and the cult of saints, but it should never allow us to forget that it is the Lord who calls and empowers whoever he will, and what is required is a response to that call – even though it may be a weak human response – because as Paul says: It is the Lord who “stood by me and gave me power.” That is why celebrating this feast should be an encouragement to all disciples – it is a reminder of what God can do with ordinary flesh and blood.

For reflection:

*In what situations do you feel encouraged in your discipleship by these readings which emphasise that the Lord is the source of all response to his call?
Do you have a devotion to Peter and Paul as great foundational saints of the Church?*

Church Services this week

Mass in the parish church – Monday and Wednesday at 10.00am

Friday – Mass at 6.30pm celebrating Deacon Jonathan’s silver anniversary as deacon – followed by celebration in the hall

Private prayer with Exposition Tuesday and Thursday 10.00 - 11.00am

Dates for your Diary

Friends Together Lunch

Wednesday - 1st July from 11.30am

Donations will be shared equally between CAFOD and The Rendezvous (a Sherborne based charity)



Please come and celebrate
Deacon Jonathan's 25th Anniversary of Ordination

Friday 3rd July, Mass at 6.30pm followed by a buffet lunch in the hall
– *all welcome!*

Please add your name to the sheet in the narthex
for catering numbers.

Thank you.

Our lovely Craft Club

is now taking a summer break and will be back on
Saturday 5th September – we look forward to seeing you
then!

From the Plymouth Office:

Youth Fun Day!

Saturday 11th July 12.00-18.00pm

A day of Games and Challenges

Looking for a fun day out for your child?

Youth Events is hosting a fun-packed day at St Rita's Centre, Honiton, for children and young people aged 6–17. Book your child's place using the link below, and contact us by email if you have any questions.

£5 per person

To book:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XXbYKaDKfd>

For queries email: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Catechetical Summer Camp 2026

27th - 31st July, Buckfast Abbey.

At this years Summer Camp young people aged 9-12 will explore Pope Francis and Pope Leo's Dilexi Te - 'I love you'. Summer camp has been enjoyed by many generations. It is a great way for young people to meet others from across the Diocese and gain a sense of belonging to the Diocesan and catholic family.

Cost £150 per person. To book and for further information please email:

summercamps@prcdtr.org.uk



Plymouth Diocese Catechetical Summer Camps



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, Lulu Paul, Sr. Rose.

HALL BOOKINGS:

Please email or phone the Office.