



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
31st May 2026**



**Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 4
HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

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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	30th	6.00pm	Deceased members of the Gomez family
Sunday	31st	10.30am 3.00pm	Eamon Devereaux R.I.P Mass with Anointing of the sick
Monday	1st June	10.00am	Fr Michael Hayes (Ordination Anniv.)
Tuesday	2nd	10-11.00am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	3rd	10.00am	Wendy Lauderdale's intentions
Thursday	4th	10-11.00am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Friday <i>St Boniface, patron of our Diocese</i>	5th	NO MASS	(Mass at Plymouth Cathedral at 12noon)
Saturday	6th	6.00pm	David & Danny Pitcher R.I.P



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

Today we pray for St. Paul's Church.

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Weekly Letter

“Mass with anointing”

A reflection

Every year we celebrate Sunday Mass with anointing at this time of the year – giving us as a community the opportunity to celebrate the great celebrations of the Liturgical year with some of our more vulnerable brothers and sisters – the sick and housebound. We will have Mass at 3pm, and volunteers will arrange to collect those sick and housebound and bring them to church for Mass with anointing. It will be a chance for them to attend Mass in their parish church and meet up with other members of the parish.

An important part of the celebration will be tea in the hall afterwards when people will be able to meet socially with one another. The importance of bringing parishioners together can hardly be over exaggerated – we talk a lot of the church as a community of faith, as the body of Christ and so forth, but the reality of being able to gather at the altar as a community brought together by the Holy Spirit; of being able to meet up and remember, of being able to share our hopes and joys, our sorrows and difficulties makes that community real.

Do remember to keep the sick and housebound in your prayers, it is important that we keep them as part of the parish community in whatever ways we can.

God bless us all, and may we rejoice in the gifts of the Lord to the people of God – the Church - in this season – and always. - Fr Robert

Prayers of the faithful
31st May 2026 – Trinity Sunday

We pray for the church throughout the world: for all God's people, for who acknowledge God as the God of tenderness and love who sent his Son to redeem the world and has given us the Spirit to be with us for all time.

We pray for those young people in our parish who make their First Holy Communion next weekend – May the Lord be with them always and draw them ever closer to himself.

We pray for all those in the parish who have need of our prayers, and for our families, our friends, our neighbours and all those known to us, may we help them in their need.

We pray for ourselves that we may reveal God to others by the way we live

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

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

31st May – The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9 Cant Dn 3:52-56 Co 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18.

The Exodus experience was an essential element in the forging of the Hebrews as a people – God's people. But it was also most significant in enabling them to discover what sort of a God the Lord is. The constant clashes between what God asks and what the people do – each time mediated by Moses – enables the relationship between God and God's people to be deepened and developed. Today's brief passage comes immediately after the incident of the Golden Calf when the people reject the Lord and the Covenant. In the Decalogue the Lord is described as a jealous God who punishes those who disobey, and such was the threat uttered to Moses, but Moses' prayer and actions bring forth a response from

the Lord that is very different. The Lord reveals himself to Moses and proclaims himself: “a God of compassion and tenderness, slow to anger and rich in kindness and faithfulness”. The Lord does not destroy the people as he threatened, but while throughout their sojourn in the desert he chides their unfaithfulness, he does not abandon them, and he brings them safely into the land promised. Through their sin, the people discover the essential nature of God: faithful love. That is the heart of Jesus’ teaching to Nicodemus: “God sent his son not to condemn the world, but that through him the world might be saved.” The Lord God is revealed time and again, and fully in Jesus, as the God of mercy and love, and the God who calls God’s people to be a people of mercy and love who reflect that – as Paul urges the Corinthians. Christian Revelation has discerned this as the very essence of God – a Trinity of Persons whose relationship is love itself, and that love spills over into creation and invites all those who recognise it to share in that very life of love.

For reflection:

In what ways do you truly experience God as merciful and gracious?

Do you believe that Jesus comes not to condemn you but to save you? How does your life reflect that?

Church Services this week:

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

Private prayer with Exposition Tuesday and Thursday 10.00 - 11.00am

Please note:

Friday is the celebration of St Boniface the Diocesan patron:

Mass at the cathedral at 12 noon

The Mystery of faith acclamation:

“We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again”.

You are **Important**, and your parish **NEEDS** you

When we come to Mass, we are made welcome. A steward will greet us, ensure that we have a Mass Sheet and a newsletter, and sometimes a music sheet. They will help us find a seat, answer our queries (where's the loo? – what time is mass tomorrow? etc).

It's not hard, but it is **important** (like you).

“Yes, but I'm not very good at that sort of thing, and I don't know many of the people, (and actually I'm unsure if I'd be any good)”

Probably all our Stewards (Welcomers, Ushers, whatever we're called) were a bit anxious to start with – I know I was when I started doing it 34 years ago.

But one of the wonderful things about it was it helped me to get to know other people in the parish, which made me feel more at home, more as if I belonged here.

If you would like to try it, talk to one of the stewards - perhaps you could join them another time to find out what it's like?

Or you could contact Deacon Jonathan for a chat after mass, who could arrange for someone to guide you.

Dates for your Diary

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

Sunday 31st May at 3pm

All welcome at this beautiful Mass. Any help on the day would be much appreciated – sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

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The Church Cleaning Group will be meeting for dusting and polishing on Tuesday 2 June at 2pm. All most welcome!

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LUNCHES TOGETHER

Wednesday 3rd June. 11.30am in the Church Hall.

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

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### **Craft Club**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June in the church hall, 3.00-4.30pm**

'Choosy Craft Club', is 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*

## ***From the Plymouth Office:***

*Caritas May Newsletter:*

*Please click the link to read the latest news of love in action around our diocese :<https://tinyurl.com/y9bjk8a8>*

*The Diocesan Newsletter:*

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-A26C2BBAA727D7802540EF23F30FEDED>

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***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.