



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



**30th August 2026
Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 2**

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The Parish Office is generally open on Wednesday & Friday mornings

Saturday	29th	6.00pm	Paul & Catherine O'Hara's Intentions
Sunday	30th	10.30am	Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Keene
Monday	31st	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Peter Greenrod
Tuesday	1st Sept	10.00am	Sr. Rose's intentions
Wednesday	2nd	NO MASS TODAY	
Thursday	3rd	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday	4th	10.00am	Deceased members of the Gomez family R.I.P
Saturday	5th	6.00pm	Fr. Jonathan Bielawski R.I.P

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



Today we pray for Cheap Street Church

We hope this brings our Christian family together.

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The Parish of the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Plymouth, Registered Charity No. 213227

Weekly Letter

“The Mass”

Over the last three weeks we have been reflecting on participation in the Mass, but how do we understand the Mass?

The following expression from the Second Vatican Council suggests that it is something many faceted and profound.

See if you can give a little time this week to exploring some of the aspects the document picks up.

“At the Last Supper,

on the night he was betrayed,

our Saviour instituted the eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood.

This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until he should come again,

and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church,

a memorial of his death and resurrection:

a sacrament of love,

a sign of unity,

a bond of charity,

a paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed,

the mind is filled with grace,

and a pledge of future glory is given to us.”

(S.C. 47)

May God bless us all as we gather together and participate fully and consciously in the great sacrifice of the Mass where Jesus is present with us.

- Fr Robert

Prayers of the faithful

30th August 2026 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

We pray for the church, for all God’s people proclaiming, by word and deed, the gospel of Jesus in our world.

We pray for all in authority in our world, that they may enable all people to live in peace and harmony. We pray for all those places where there is violence, or threat, or strife.

We pray for all those who are left alone, for widows and orphans, all who are marginalized, dependent on others for their daily needs. May their needs be met through our efforts and the efforts of others.

We pray for ourselves that we may use our gifts and energy for the common good.

We pray for the dead, that they may be welcomed into the tents of eternity.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 30th August - Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary time

Jer 20:7-9, Ps 62 Rom 12:1-2, Mt 16:21-27

Jeremiah is feeling very sorry for himself – he was not expecting the life of a prophet to be so tough – after all most of us would feel that if we did what we are told by God, then life will be comfortable for us. For Jeremiah that is not the case and he complains that he has been seduced and bullied by God instead. Peter too gets a harsh response when he makes the perfectly normal suggestion that the suffering and death of Jesus are to be avoided if possible. And Jesus compounds that response by insisting that being a disciple means taking up the cross. There is undoubtedly hyperbole in both the teaching of Jesus and the complaints of Jeremiah, and yet they are given in order to make a very clear point – the ways of God are not the ways of the world. That is a challenge to those who hear this message today at Mass – it is uncomfortable and is meant to be – the challenge is real. In a world of poverty, inequality, deceit and oppression disciples of the kingdom cannot be comfortable. Paul offers an insight into living with this tension – “do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour be modelled by your new mind.” The gospel that has been received changes everything and the way we see everything, and that is what forms the mind of the disciple – that is what enables Jeremiah to continue to speak God’s word and enables both Peter and Paul to bear witness to the end. That is the invitation for all those who hear the gospel.

For reflection:

*Do you feel sympathy for Jeremiah and for Peter? Do you think that have
right cause to be upset?*

*In what ways do you experience the ways of God as difficult and
demanding?*

Church Services this week:

Mass in the parish church – Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 10.00am

Private prayer with exposition Thursday 10.00 - 11.00am

***Please pray
For John Chick whose Funeral will be held here on
Monday 7th September, and for his family.***

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One of our parishioners, **Joy Rees**, has been busy walking – Joy left Minehead on the 15th June and completed the whole of the South West Coast Path, (630 miles), finishing on 7th August.

Joy was walking for Julia's House, the children's hospice in Corfe Mullen, if you would like to kindly donate, please click on the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/joy-rees-1>

Dates for your Diary

***The monthly “Friends Together Lunch” starts
next week!***



Wednesday -2nd September from 11.30am

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

***Craft Club Saturday,
5th September 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*

OPEN MEETING

Sunday 6th September following 10.30am Mass

***Your chance to find out what is happening in the parish
and to have your say!***

***Please do come along and support your church and fellow
parishioners.***

From the Plymouth Office:

Advance notice that Bishop Nicholas will be celebrating a Mass for Marriage at the Cathedral on *Saturday September 12th at midday*. Please see poster in the narthex. All couples most welcome, including those whose spouses are no longer with us.

Prayer Conference. Buckfast Abbey, Saturday Oct 31 & Dec 1. 2026 UNBOUND Freedom in Christ.

A weekend immersion in the inspirational teaching of UNBOUND Deliverance Ministry. A safe, gentle and non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry model which helps people reclaim their true identity in Christ. Come and join us as we unpack each of the key themes of the ministry; Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessing. With an opportunity for a personal prayer session and the chance to claim true freedom in Christ.

Weekend tickets from £65.

To book :

Call or email Michele Thompson, Officer for Evangelisation for more information 07940 453607 michele.thompson@prcdtr.org.uk

For more information on Unbound Ministry please follow the link: <https://www.unboundprayer.com/>



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.