



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
10th August 2025**



Daily Mass Year 1 – Daily Prayer 3

E-mail: sherborne@prcdtr.org.uk website: www.sherbornecatholicchurch.org.uk

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	9th	6.00 pm	For Sheila Stirling
Sunday	10th	10.30 am	For People of the Parish
Monday	11th	10.00 am	Malcolm Heygate-Browne RIP
Tuesday	12th	10.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	13th	10.00 am	David Peter Jessop RIP
Thursday	14th	10.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Friday <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	15th	10.00 am 6.30 pm	Treasa Cahalan RIP Celebrant's Intentions
Saturday	16th	6.00 pm	For Sr. Pauline



Sherborne Churches Together invites us to pray for a particular worshipping community each week. Today we pray for Re-Borne Community Church.

We hope that this will bring our Christian family closer together.

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Weekly Letter

“The Eucharist”

A teaching from Pope Leo

“Dear friends, Christ is God’s answer to our human hunger, because his Body is the bread of eternal life: Take this and eat of it, all of you! Jesus’ invitation reflects our daily experience: in order to remain alive, we need to nourish ourselves with life, drawing it from plants and animals. Yet eating something dead reminds us that we too, no matter how much we eat, will one day die. On the other hand, when we partake of Jesus, the living and true Bread, we live for him. By offering himself completely, the crucified and risen Lord delivers himself into our hands, and we realize that we were made to partake of God. Our hungry nature bears the mark of a need that is satisfied by the grace of the Eucharist. As Saint Augustine writes, Christ is truly: bread that restores and does not run short; bread that can be eaten but not exhausted”. The Eucharist, in fact, is the true, real, and substantial presence of the Saviour who transforms bread into himself in order to transform us into himself, the Church herself, the Body of the Lord.

For this reason, the Church teaches that “in the sacrament of the Eucharistic bread, the unity of believers, who form one body in Christ, is both expressed and achieved. All are called to this union with Christ, who is the light of the world, from whom we come, through whom we live, and towards whom we direct our lives” Strengthened by the food that God gives us, let us bring Jesus to the hearts of all, because Jesus involves everyone in his work of salvation by calling each of us to sit at his table. Blessed are those who are called, for they become witnesses of this love!”

God bless us all – and help us appreciate the richness of the Church’s teaching of the Eucharist and grow in our understanding as we gather week by week at the altar.

- Fr Robert

Prayers of the faithful

10th August - 19th Sunday of the year

We pray for the church throughout the world, the flock of Christ: for all leaders and those in ministry that they may always put their faith in the God of mercy and love.

We pray for those in our world who rule and govern, that they may recognise that their position is one of service to their people.

We pray for all those in the parish who are sick and housebound and for all who care for them, and for all who have need of our prayers.

We pray for ourselves that we may be people of faith who seek to avoid disharmony and jealousy, and to be compassionate peacemakers.

We pray for those who have died: those known to us, those from this parish, that they may have eternal life.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 10th August – 19th Sunday C.

Ws 18: 6-9 Ps 32 Heb 11:1-2; 8-19 Lk 12: 32-48

One of the reasons that it is asserted that the Letter to the Hebrews is written to a community of Jewish origin is the large scale reference to stories and teaching from the Jewish scriptures. Today's reading is a typical example. The writer feels quite free to draw an argument from the stories of Abraham and Sarah (and, in the omitted section, as well as after the present section, he gives sketchy references to many other heroes of the Old Testament) because he knows his readers will understand fully. In a way similar to Paul's argument in Romans chapter 4, the author stresses the way in which Abraham went into the unknown and lived in trust that God would be true to his word; similarly (and unlike Paul) he says something comparable of Sarah – she believed that God would grant her a son despite her age. Hebrews is a very carefully written theological treatise, but not for its own sake – the later chapters especially are offered

precisely to encourage the listeners to persevere in fidelity. Abraham and Sarah (and the others) are offered as paradigms of faith – trusting in that which is not seen, but clearly promised. The same is true for the original recipients of this Letter – and for us. The same theme of faith actually informs the other two readings – the strange passage from the Book of Wisdom refers to the Passover celebration at the time of the Exodus – the time when Israel put its trust in God and so received liberation from Egypt. The passage from Luke’s gospel and its call to stay awake with lamps lit waiting for the coming of the Lord of the household is a call for perseverance even when nothing appears to be happening, because discipleship depends, not upon carrying out written commands, but upon trusting in the one who is called Master.

For reflection:

*Does the frequent references to the heroes of the old Testament make sense to you – are you encouraged by the lessons it offers?
What helps you to trust in God even when you can see nothing happening to change the situation?*

Church Services this week

Mass in the parish church – Monday and Wednesday at 10.00am, and Friday at 10.00am and 6.30pm – Feast of the Assumption.

Private prayer and exposition – Tuesday and Thursday: 10.00 - 11.00am

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.

Dates for your Diary



Craft Club is having a break for the summer holidays – next club will be on Saturday 6th September – we look forward to seeing you then!

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.

From the Plymouth Office:

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. www.retrouvaille.org.uk or **Tel: 0788 7296983**

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/swtEZ0vigV> For further information: youth@prcdtr.org.uk

Unbound FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Prayer Conference 20th/21st September, St Boniface RC College, Plymouth.

Deliverance. Freedom. Belonging.

- Negative thoughts, repetitive sins and unhealthy relationships.
- Destructive habits, idols, and false identities.

- Resentments and bitter wounds that never seem to heal.

What if you could reach out and touch God's love and never be the same?

Unbound is a non-confrontational freedom and inner-healing ministry, which helps people worldwide reclaim their true identity in Christ. Author and co-founder Matt Lozano will be speaking live from the USA. Mass, Confessions, Adoration.

Trained ministry teams Praise and worship. Tickets £40 via the link.
Booking essential. Tickets not available on the door. Over 18's only.
Book your ticket here

<https://givealittle.co/c/5dBfepB2Akl3YpEkxi3Qr1>

For more details 01752 701660 or 07940 453607

Jubilee Day for Catechists – Saturday 27th September

In this Jubilee year this day is for all Catechists and those interested in being catechists. “My teaching is not mine, but His who sent me” (Jn7,16) Speakers include Dr Pat McGovern and the LIFT Team from Truro and Deacon Tim van Kroonenburg.

This day will also provide opportunities to connect with fellow catechists and share ideas of fruitful pastoral practice in our challenging times. The day will be held at the Buckfast Abbey Conference centre on *Saturday 27th September 10am – 4pm.*

To register please email : plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk We look forward to seeing you there.

Fr. Jon Bielawski (Delegate for Evangelisation and Catechesis)

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 normally 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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Tim Kelly, Tess O'Rourke and Lulu Paul.

HALL BOOKINGS: Please email or phone the Office