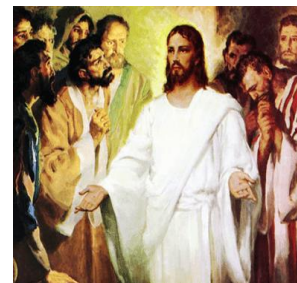




**Catholic Parish of  
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm  
Sherborne**

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Daily Mass Year 1 – Daily Prayer 3**



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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.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Felix Billington</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Pope Francis RIP</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sr. Carmel RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10-11.00am</b>	<b>Private prayer &amp; Exposition</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10-11.00am</b>	<b>Private prayer &amp; Exposition</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10-11.00am</b>	<b>Private prayer &amp; Exposition</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Celebrant's Intention</b>



**Sherborne Churches Together** invites us to pray for a particular worshipping community each week. *Today we pray for St. Paul's Church.* We hope this brings our Christian family together.

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## *Weekly Letter*

### *“Confirmation”*

This coming Saturday 17 young people from the Sherborne schools will be confirmed in the school chapel at Leweston; this is a really important moment in their lives as Catholics, because, in one sense, they now take on ownership of their catholic faith. They will still have parents and family and others to support them, and at Confirmation, they chose a sponsor to be alongside them in the celebration, but they come to confirmation by choice – they “confirm” their Catholic faith. For me it is a great privilege to be the one who administers the sacrament that leads them into that new phase of their life with Christ.

Over the last several months they have been attending sessions led by catechists and others exploring what it means to be person of faith called to follow Christ. One of the key people who has been supporting and helping these candidates and their predecessors over many years, has been Sr Carmel. I think we all appreciate how grateful we have all been for her example, wisdom and guidance, may she rest in peace.

It has always been an important part of my ministry to work with others exploring and developing their faith – because I always have my own faith deepened and developed in the process. So, I’d like to share one thought with you that I have come across working with these young people. Appropriately it comes from Pope Francis, who has just gone to the Lord. I think it an important truth for our confirmation candidates – but also for me and you at whatever stage of faith we find ourselves:

*“In the Mass we do not read the Gospel in order to know how things happened, but rather, we listen to the Gospel in order to realize what Jesus once did and said; and that Word is living, the Word of Jesus that is in the Gospel is alive and touches my heart. Therefore, listening to the Gospel with an open heart, is very important, because it is the living Word. . . If it is true that in the liturgy “Christ is still proclaiming His Gospel”, it follows that, by participating in the Mass, we must give him a response. We listen to the Gospel and we must give a response in our life.”*

May this celebration of confirmation be a moment of grace for these young people, may we support them with our prayers and may this occasion cause us all to value and deepen our own faith.

God bless you during this Holy season. - *Fr Robert*

## **Prayers of the faithful**

### **3rd<sup>d</sup> Sunday of Easter**

We pray for the church throughout the world: for all who form the holy people of God, gathered in worship and witness.

We pray for those in our world who live with fear, violence, oppression and disease. We pray for all those who strive to bring them comfort, peace, justice and health.

We pray for our parish community, for those confirmed this weekend at Leweston, those preparing for First Holy Communion in June, for those to be baptised, for our infirm and housebound who will celebrate the anointing of the sick: may the gift of God in the sacraments build up our community through these members.

We pray for all those known to us who have need of our prayers in our families, among our friends and in our community.

We pray for Pope Francis, Sr Carmel and all those who have died: that they may share in the Liturgy of heaven.

## **Sunday Readings – a brief reflection**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Ps 29; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

Today's gospel has a great many questions that might cause us to ponder. When Simon Peter says: "I'm going fishing" – is he giving up on ministry and going back to the old ways? It could seem like it – the lack of a catch has echoes of the time before they "left everything" to follow him. But at Jesus' words they have a mighty draft of fishes. It is worth noting that as at the finding of the empty tomb, it is the disciple "Jesus loved" who understands and recognises what is going on: "It is the Lord". The sharing of bread and fish also echoes the feeding of the multitude in the ministry – but here some of the fish and the bread are already provided by the Lord. John gives us clear indications of continuity with the time before the Passion, but also makes it clear that things have changed. These are the same people, it is the same Lord, but there is a new dynamism. And that dynamism is named as love. When Jesus asks Peter "Do you love me?" this is not just out of curiosity – this is to articulate what will drive the mission forward. It is only if Peter will recognise and acknowledge his love for the person of the Risen Lord that he can take on the role that Jesus has for him. The one quality essential for anyone who wants to respond to the call of the Lord is to love him – that is why the "beloved disciple" in the gospel is so important – that disciple can be all and any of us who can answer with Peter: "Yes Lord, you know I love you."

*For reflection:*

*Do you find the ideal picture which Luke paints in Acts of the early Church encouraging, or is it "impossible"?*

*Do you give any time to reading the Book of Revelation? Why is that?*

***Mass this week in the church  
Monday and Wednesday at 10.00.***

***Please pray for Santiago – to be baptised this Sunday and for his parents, godparents and family. It is always a joy to welcome new members into the community, but Easter is, above all, the time of new life and the time of the gift of the Spirit of the Risen Lord, and so the time for Baptism.***

***Next Weekend***

***We have missionary priest from the Society of African Missions making an appeal – I am sure you will make him very welcome.***

***Confessions – Saturday 5-5.45 and on request***

***Diocesan Jubilee passports “Pilgrims of hope” are available for you to collect in the sacristy.***



***The Sisters would like to thank all the Parishioners for their very kind sympathy and prayers for Sr. Carmel. The Requiem Mass was beautiful and inspiring for us all.***

***Special thanks to Fr Robert and all those involved in the arranging of such a special celebration.***

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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 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.*

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## Dates for your Diary



**Craft Club – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, in the Church hall – 3.00pm – 4.30pm**

**Everyone welcome – all materials and refreshments available! Do please join us.**



***As part of the Sherborne Abbey Music Festival, Leweston school will be holding a concert here on the afternoon of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 4 pm.  
You will be able to get tickets at the door.***

***Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of***

***Our Lady of Fatima***

***At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary & St. Boniface, Plymouth on  
10<sup>th</sup> May starting at 10.00am.***

***Please see poster in narthex for further details.***

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**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 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.

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Kristine Mountain

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Jennie Haynes

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Michael Farebrother, Tim Kelly,  
Tess O'Rourke, Lulu Paul.

**HALL BOOKINGS:** Please email or phone the Office.