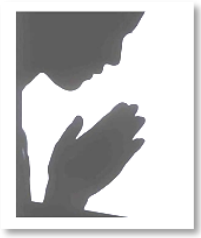
Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
22nd November 2026
Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 2
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
YOUTH SUNDAY



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The Parish Office
is open on Wednesday & Friday mornings -
(emails and telephone calls are monitored all week)

Saturday	**21st**	**6.00pm**	**Malcolm, John, Anne & Jane Heygate-Browne, John Hill & Harvey Rawlings R.I.P**
Sunday	**22nd**	**10.30am**	**Holy Souls**
Monday	**23rd**	**10.00am**	**Brooks, Meddleton, Matthews, Beaseley & Suffolk deceased families & friends.**
Tuesday	**24th**	**10-11.00am**	**Private prayer & Exposition**
Wednesday	**25th**	**10.00am**	**Paul Mulvany R.I.P**
Thursday	**26th**	**10-11.00am**	**Private prayer & Exposition**
Friday	**27th**	**10.00am**	**Diana McGuinness R.I.P**
Saturday	**28th**	**6.00pm**	**Gerry Wright R.I.P**



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

Today we pray for our own Church family

We hope this brings our Christian family together.

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Weekly Letter

"Young people in the Church."
This Sunday is Youth Sunday.
A message from Pope Leo to young people on Youth Sunday

"A certain way of thinking tells us that we must do everything on our own, constantly working to improve ourselves and to develop a stronger personality and character. Yet this can ultimately lead us to believe that we are our own saviours. The Gospel shows us another path to growth: not saving ourselves, but allowing ourselves to be saved by Jesus Christ. This requires the courage to accept help from others, acknowledge our limitations, pause, listen and entrust our lives to God.

Dear young people, opening your hearts to Christ will not cause you to lose yourselves. On the contrary, you will discover more deeply who you are in God's eyes and come to know yourselves as he sees you. Turn, then, to the depths of your hearts. You will not lose your way, for it is there that God awaits you. Open yourselves to his saving grace. Let his love — the Holy Spirit — shape your lives, and let Jesus dwell within you and guide your decisions. When this happens, everything is made new, even in the ordinary circumstances of daily life: in your faithfulness to your friends, in your respect for those who think differently from you, in your attentiveness to those who are lonely, in your closeness to the most vulnerable, and even in the way you conduct yourselves in the digital world. Everything is transformed by love. Many regard love as a form of weakness, but Christ shows us that it is a source of freedom and strength."

Father Robert writes:

I remember many years ago a slogan in the Church was: ***"Youth of today, Church of tomorrow"*** I understand what it was saying, but I also think now, when I look at the people who make up this parish community, gathered for the Mass Sunday by Sunday, these preparing for First Communion, our altar servers, those who'll be going for confirmation next year - I think: **Youth of today, Church of Today!** We

are so blessed as a community with the energy, vibrance and joy of our young people. Today let us give thanks to God for them, for their gifts and talents, for all that we can receive from them, and let us all be generous with offering our time and energy and talents to enable them to flourish and be great witnesses to the love of Jesus.
God bless us all on this Youth Sunday and may He inspire our young people - Fr Robert

Prayers of the faithful
Christ the King
Day of Prayer for Young People

We pray for the church: for all entrusted to care for the flock of Christ and for all God's people. We pray especially for young people in the Church, above all in this parish, that their gifts may be recognised and their energy valued.

We pray for all in authority in our world, all who responsibility for others, that they may be wise and just shepherds.

We pray for the hungry, the sick, the lonely, the distressed and the anxious, that they may be consoled by the Lord through his people.

We pray for ourselves, that our lives may always reflect our faith that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

We pray for those who have died: especially those who have died from this parish, and from our families and friends.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection
Sunday 22nd November - **Christ the King**
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 22 1Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46
The image of the shepherd and the shepherd's role regarding the sheep are a common theme in scripture and used in many contexts. The first reading from Ezekiel reveals God as the shepherd who personally watches over the sheep, who gathers the lost and watches over the weak – it is a very reassuring image of a

"true shepherd". The final sentence, however, brings in a theme of judgement which dominates the gospel. The one who comes "as a shepherd" in the parable "comes in glory, escorted by all the angels". This is an image of power – the "Son of Man" is revealed as the King who takes the seat of judgement and separates those gathered before him "as a shepherd separates sheep from goats". The criteria for the division of those on the right hand from those on the left appears to be hidden from those who are judged. When the King tells them of their actions which bring reward or condemnation, they fail to recognise themselves. That, of course, is because they fail to recognise in the all-powerful judge who is in glory with the angels, the destitute to whose needs they have responded in action – or failed to do so. In his version of the beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew has Jesus give profound promises to those whose lives reflect the values of the kingdom. This parable of ultimate judgement re-emphasises those values, and the response necessary. By identifying the King who judges with the destitute, Matthew gives us a radical and challenging lesson in what it means to belong to the shepherd.

For reflection:
What do you think are the main characteristics of a shepherd that the scriptures want to emphasise?
Do you think that the image of a shepherd is very relevant for most people in our society? What might be more powerful?

God bless you and keep you safe until we all gather together at the altar again
– Fr Robert

Church Services this week:
Mass in the parish church –
Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.00am
Private prayer with exposition -Tuesday and Thursday 10.00 - 11.00am

Please pray for:
Jack Harrison to be baptised and fully initiated next Sunday at the 10.30am Mass

Ann Watts from this parish who died this week. Her funeral will be held here on Wednesday 9th December at 11.00am

Please continue to pray for the students and staff of St Antony's Leweston at this difficult time.

Parish Dates for your Diary

Friday 27th Mum's Group 10.30am – 12.30pm
We'll have tea, coffee, and cake, and something to keep the children happy too, with toys, colouring, and activities. No pressure, no expectations, just a friendly space to meet, talk, and build community. No need to book, just pop in – we'd love you to join us!



Saturday 28th Family Advent Day
Join us for a special Family Advent Day on Saturday 28th November, from 10.30am–12.30pm. Families and parish members of all ages are warmly invited to spend a morning preparing for Advent together. There will be a time of Children's Adoration and prayer, Advent crafts and festive refreshments as we make space to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. All welcome! *Leaflets are available in the narthex to take home and pop on your fridge as a handy reminder!*

Tuesday 1st December - Church Cleaning Group at 11.15am. Please do join us if you are able. This earlier time will continue for the Winter months.



Wednesday 2nd December – Friends Together Lunch from 11.30am *Any funds raised will continue to be split between CAFOD & Rendezvous. We look forward to seeing you there!*

Friday 4th and Friday 11th December - *Fr Robert's Advent talks in the hall.*

A message from Sr. Josephine: As last year, the Sisters, instead of Christmas cards, will have masses said throughout 2027 for parishioners and friends. Our prayers, thanks and best wishes as always.

Bags of Presents!

Are you giving any presents this year?
Every year, people are buying new bags to put presents in.
Others have bags left over at home.
If you want some bags, come and choose from the pre-used bags in the hall. If you can, leave a donation in the bowl, or use the
Cashless Giving Terminal – Christmas Food Bank
Or, if you have some bags in your cupboard that you don't expect to use, bring them along so that others can use them.

Bags will be available in the hall after the weekend Masses from Saturday 22nd November until the 4th Sunday in Advent
(or until there are none left)



Volunteers are needed for the Sherborne Christmas Tree Festival 7th - 12th December taking place in the Cheap Street Church from 10am to 4pm.

One hour slots are available for stewards who meet and greet visitors, chat about the charities, hand out children's quizzes and keep a tally of all visitors.

Please contact Tricia Chapman on: pcchapman@hotmail.com, or 07760225880 before 2nd December to sign up. It really is beautiful and uplifting!

CAFOD World Gifts

You may like to consider buying meaningful Christmas gifts from CAFOD that change lives around the world. There is something for everyone and something to suit every budget, from Christmas calendars and cards through ethical stocking fillers and to funding a medical outreach team to support a whole community. Please visit lLInK, or look out for the catalogues in the narthex.

From the Plymouth Office:

Teenagers' (13 - 17 year olds) Residential, 22nd - 24th January 2027
This residential will be held at East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor, for those aged 13 - 17 years old. Young people will explore the scripture Matt 7:7 whilst considering ways to communicate with God. There will be 4 themed divisions; producing short footage, dance, music and craft. Young people always talk about how they enjoy meeting fellow Catholics from across the Diocese. Donation £40 per place.

Booking essential: https://forms.office.com/e/zuRH2sK08U

For further information contact Saskia: youth@prcdtr.org.



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.