Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
8th November 2026
Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 4
REMEMBRANCE DAY



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

Saturday	**7th**	**6.00pm**	**Repose of the soul of Antoni Kubish R.I.P**
Sunday	**8th**	**10.30am**	**Sally Thomas R.I.P.**
Monday	**9th**	**10.00am**	**Deceased members of the family & friends of the Nadesy family.**
Tuesday	**10th**	**10-11.00am**	**Private prayer & Exposition**
Wednesday	**11th**	**10.00am**	**Deceased members of the Herring & Pitcher Families**
Thursday	**12th**	**10-11.00am**	**Private prayer & Exposition**
Friday	**13th**	**10.00am**	**Antony & Anne Campebell intentions**
Saturday	**14th**	**6.00pm**	**Matthew Marutheu & Tressiamma Thomas R.I.P.**



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

Today we pray for: St. James the Great, Longburton

We hope this brings our Christian family together

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Weekly Letter

"Remembrance Sunday."

I suspect many of us tend to simply think of the Second World War as **the** war at times like this, rightly so because it was a very significant event for those who were engaged in it, and no doubt many of us learnt the idea from our parents or grandparents who were engaged. And of course, war memorials and the whole idea of Remembrance Sunday were deliberate attempts to help people remember. But perhaps that can make us think of war as something that happened in the past, something that is about remembering, calling to mind, when the reality is – as we well know – war is present and widespread and deadly.

As people of the gospel, we are called to be a people who take war seriously – as something destructive, cruel and opposed to the gospel of Jesus. So, we are called to be aware of the wars – the many wars – that are taking place in the world, Ukraine, Iran, Central Africa, Middle East, Sudan and so many places. Taking it seriously means adopting an attitude in our lives which rejects violence and works consciously to promote peace – and that peace is not simply something for the corridors of power, it is also for us in the way we live in our families and communities.

No doubt many of us will gather at a war memorial and stand for the two minutes' silence – a noble act. But as Catholics we also know that we are constrained by our faith to pray for peace always and to act to promote peace. I am sure a great many of us will wear a poppy this weekend as a sign of remembrance, perhaps we can also wear it as a sign of being people who work for peace, pray for peace and long for peace.

God bless you this weekend as we remember those who have died in war and commit ourselves to be people of peace. *- Fr Robert*

You are invited to take an envelope marked "Month of the Holy Souls" and place a list of your dear departed ones in it. The envelopes will be brought up with the Offertory gifts and placed before the altar as a sign of our prayers for the dead.

Prayers of the Faithful

8th November – week 32 – Remembrance Sunday

For our political and military leaders that they may tirelessly seek peaceful settlements to international disputes.

That the Lord may preserve the members of our Army, Navy and Air Force from all harm.

That even in war, we may keep clearly before us the defense of all human rights, especially the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

That the families, relatives and friends of our military members may be strengthened in time of concern and anxiety.

That our homeland will be preserved from violence and terrorism.

That the nations of the world will seek to work together in harmony and peace.

That the hearts of all men and women will be moved to pursue true peace and justice.

That violence may be overcome by peace; that weapons of destruction be transformed into tools of justice, and hate give way to true charity.

That grateful for and inspired by those men and women who have given their lives for our country we may bravely face the challenges ahead.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection
Sunday 8th November
Thirty second Sunday of the Year
Wis 6:12-16; Ps 62; 1Th 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13.

The Wisdom writings in the Old Testament can seem rather strange – the personification of Wisdom as a female figure, the rather vague language so often used – may be somewhat alien to our very practical and analytic culture – that, of course, could be a very good reason to explore them. The passage we are given today makes it clear that Wisdom is accessible to all – this chapter of the book of Wisdom is specifically addressed to foreign rulers – those outside of Israel can have access to the Wisdom that God sends. For Israel the Law and the prophets are the great revelation of God, but in today's passage Wisdom is seen as God's gift to any who are open to receive her. Wisdom writings often explore the deepest issues of human life – we can think of the book of Job, or Ecclesiastes with its "Vanity of vanities." That is why they are always relevant to those who seek for meaning and understanding.

As we have noted these last few weeks, Jesus oftens teaches in parables – and parables often need pondering. Such is the case today. A classic interpretation of this parable is that the falling asleep of the bridesmaids is their death, and they are asleep until the bridegroom – Christ – comes to awaken them and take them into the great wedding feast. The fact that five are wise and five are foolish is the link with the first reading – we are offered no explanation of what makes them wise or foolish (the presence or absence of oil for the lamps) but it is the preparation that has gone on before the call that counts.

All ten had the opportunity to be ready – five took the opportunity and that is what makes them wise. As the first reading makes clear, wisdom is accessible to all, wisdom "walks about looking for those who are worthy of her".

God and the things of God are not remote and unobtainable – but "found by those who desire her." That is a truly human task – is an essential part of human pondering.

For reflection:
In what ways do you mark November as the month of the Holy Souls?
Who in your life do you recall as being most significant?
In what ways do you feel that you can be "wise" in the sense of the gospel?

Church Services this week

Mass in the parish church:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.00am

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

Please pray:

For the deceased clergy of the Diocese as we celebrate the annual clergy requiem this week for them at the cathedral on Thursday.

For the students and staff of St Antony's Leweston at this difficult time.

Christine Hatch R.I.P

Christine sadly died at the end of October. She taught at St Antony's for 17 years before moving with the school up to Leweston.

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Christine at 2.30 pm in Sherborne Abbey on Friday, 27th November. All who knew her are most welcome to attend.

November Parish Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th **Quiz** – 6.30pm for 7pm start,
Max 6 per team, £3 entry for CAFOD, Bring own refreshments.

Saturday 7th **Craft Club** 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

Friday 13th **Concert** - 7pm

A concert of classical music favourites presented by
Alan Benson and Hannah O'Toole-Terry with musicians from the parish.
(Free entry with a retiring collection, drinks and refreshments served in the hall afterwards).

Friday 20th **Scripture Matters 10.45-12.15pm**

Once a month, our small group gathers in the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm Church Hall to reflect on and discuss 'God's Word' in the Readings for the following Sunday's celebration of Mass. For further information please contact: *gaybarry39@hotmail.com or 07887 840449.*

From the Plymouth Office:

Please encourage young people to sign up to this Young Adults Retreat, which will take place 20th-22nd November at Buckfast Abbey. This is aimed at young adults (18-30 years).

There is a poster in the narthex. The theme of the retreat will be to reflect on preparing for Advent, underpinned by the scripture Isaiah 40:3. There will be times of prayer, reflection and discussion led by Dominican Brothers Augustine and Reginald. Young people are being asked to make a contribution of £40 each.

The link is: Buckfast Abbey Retreat for young adults 20th - 22nd November 2026 – Fill in form

Thank you in advance for encouraging the young people in your parish to attend this event, which promises to be a time of great spiritual growth for them.



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.