



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
12th July 2026
Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 3
SEA SUNDAY**



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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.

Saturday	11th	6.00pm	Rick Herring R.I.P
Sunday	12th	10.30am	Charles Edward Nicoll R.I.P
Monday	13th	10.00am	Hilary Grant and family
Tuesday	14th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	15th	10.00am	Sister Carmel R.I.P
Thursday	16th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday	17th	10.00am	Intentions of the people of the parish
Saturday	18th	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intention

TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY

Please pray for all seafarers and fishers who play a vital role in our lives and work in extremely difficult conditions. There will be a second collection after Masses this weekend, this support is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. Thank you.

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

Today we pray for: ReBorne Community Church

We hope this brings our Christian family together.



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Weekly Letter

“The weather”

A ditty from school days:

*Whether the weather be hot,
Or whether the weather be not,
We must weather the weather,
Whatever the weather,
Whether we like it or not.*

In England we can always talk about the weather - rain, shine, fog or gales – its always a “safe” subject to talk about – and we all have an opinion about it, so it is a stable element in all conversation – but is it ever something you pray about? I don’t mean “Dear God tomorrow is the sports day so let it be dry!” Just think about it.

Do you ever give thanks to God for living in a place with a fairly equable climate where there is enough rain to grown crops for food for humans and animals? Where there is enough sun to allow plants to produce fruit and vegetables, where they can produce beautiful and scented flowers to delight us? Do you find you stop and marvel at a beautiful sunset or wonderful sunrise? Its all very ordinary at one level, but if we allow ourselves to marvel at it we can find ourselves caught up in the wonders of God’s creation.

Do you think of creation as being entrusted to humanity to manage and care for as Pope Francis insisted in his writings? If you do, what do you do about it? Is it partly your responsibility or is that for someone else to do? What about care of the environment or all the ecological issues that are presented to us?

We are more than ever conscious of global warming, of the floods, droughts, typhoons and bush fires that wreak havoc on communities across the globe. Does any of that come into your prayer? As Christians we believe we are entrusted with God's creation, we have a responsibility for it – it is not something to simply exploit and use up and dump. Perhaps it would be worth reflecting on this and bringing it to prayer – just as we would be invited to bring all our personal issues and needs to prayer, so we can also bring the global issues and needs of creation into our prayer to the one who created it all in love.

God bless us all and may we all rejoice in the gift of God's creation we share in.
- *Fr Robert*

Prayers of the faithful
12th July 2026 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary time

We pray for the church in this place and in all places where the gospel is shared, that the word of God may be heard and bring people to Christ.

We pray for those in our world who live with uncertainty, with fear and with the loss of livelihood, home and family. May the Lord bring them consolation, and may we hold them in our prayer.

On this Sea Sunday we pray for all those who sail the seas to bring the world's resources to provide food, trade and relief to all peoples.

We pray for ourselves that we may learn from Jesus and grow in our faith as mature Christians, formed by his teaching.

We pray for those who have died: that they may share in the life of God.

Please pray for:

Johnnie Boodle from this parish who died recently.



Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 12th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11: Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

Matthew's gospel takes very seriously the nature of the community of disciples, and the evangelist offers a lot of teaching from the Lord about the nature of discipleship. That is the key element in the parable and the discourse that accompanies it in today's reading. Matthew portrays a contrast between what Jesus says to the crowds and how he instructs his disciples. Those who have made a commitment to Jesus (the disciples) will receive explanation and teaching ('to those who have, more will be given') but to the crowds, who just are present out of curiosity nothing is offered ('they look without seeing and listen without hearing'). But that initial commitment has to endure. The seed which is scattered is the word and it lands in many places; but it all too easily fails to produce a harvest, because the word was never received with understanding (edge of path) or the initial enthusiasm wanes (rocky ground), or other things become more important (the thorns). Without commitment to discipleship there is no understanding and so no harvest. The revelation of the things of the kingdom can only come to those who have already made a commitment and who continue to live a life of discipleship – to them is given what "many prophets and holy men longed to see". To produce a rich harvest requires good soil – as the parable states – but that rich soil is the soil of discipleship – a life of faith and commitment that allows the word to be planted and take root – and as Isaiah tells us, God's word always carries out what it was intended to do.

For reflection:

When and how did you first receive the word of God? Did you welcome it at that time?

How do you cultivate the soil that is your spiritual life so that it can produce a rich harvest?

Church Services this week:

**Mass in the parish church – Monday and Wednesday and Friday at
10.00am**

**Private prayer with Exposition Tuesday and Thursday 10.00 -
11.00am**



25th Anniversary Celebration

I would like to thank you all for our celebration mass, the supper in the hall, the presents and cards, and for the many good wishes and prayers. It was a wonderful evening.

Jonathan

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Some of our parishioners have been busy fundraising!

*Congratulations to **Abi Burden, Fiona Maguire and Jennie Haynes** who walked The MacMillan Mighty Hike along the Jurassic coastal path last weekend raising money for this amazing cancer charity. They would be very grateful if you wish to kindly donate by following any of the links below:*

<https://mightyhikesfundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/jennifers-fundraising-page548?>

<https://mightyhikesfundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/fionas-fundraising-page1102>

<https://mightyhikesfundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/abigails-fundraising-page1529>



Red Cross Gaza Appeal

There will be a cake stall outside the Pod, 54 Cheap St, on Sunday 19th July to raise money for the above appeal and the organisers would be very grateful for any cakes, biscuits, or tray bakes to give away for donations to the appeal. Items can be brought to the Pod on the morning or Friday 17th 10am-12noon or Saturday 18th 10am-12noon.
Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

The Church Cleaning Group will be meeting for the next session of dusting and polishing on Tuesday 14 July at 2pm. The church is cool!

All most welcome.

‘Scripture Matters’

Our next meeting will be on Friday 17th July @ 10.45am-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.

Our Friends Together lunches, Craft Club and Mum’s Groups

are now taking a summer break and will be back in September – we look forward to seeing you then!

From the Plymouth Office:

Catechetical Summer Camp 2026

27th - 31st July, Buckfast Abbey.

At this years Summer Camp young people aged 9-12 will explore Pope Francis and Pope Leo's Dilexi Te - 'I love you'. Summer camp has been enjoyed by many generations. It is a great way for young people to meet others from across the Diocese and gain a sense of belonging to the Diocesan and catholic family.

Cost £150 per person. To book and for further information please email:

summercamps@prcdtr.org.uk



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 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

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.