



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
23rd August 2026
Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 1**



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The Parish Office is generally open on Wednesday & Friday mornings

Saturday	22nd	6.00pm	John Boodle R.I.P
Sunday	23rd	10.30am	For people of the parish
Monday	24th	10.00am	Ron & Brenda Williams R.I.P
Tuesday	25th	12.00noon	Requiem Mass Peter Greenrod R.I.P
Wednesday	26th	10.00am	Tess O'Rourke's intentions
Thursday	27th	10-11.00am	Private prayer
Friday	28th	10.00am	The repose of the soul of John Chick R.I.P
Saturday	29th	6.00pm	Paul & Catherine O'Hara's Intentions

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



Today we pray for Society of Friends, Sherborne

We hope this brings our Christian family together.

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Weekly Letter

“Participation at Mass (3)”

“In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy, this full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else”

The Gifts

Do I think that I am offering anything at Mass? If so, what?

The Eucharistic Prayer

- Is this something the priest does, or am I involved? – in what way?
- Do you try and ponder the great history of faith that is articulated in the Eucharistic prayer?
- Do you include yourself among those engaged in it?

The Acclamations

- Do I think of this as my great YES to God?
- Does it sound like it?

Our Father and sign of Peace

- Do you think of the people around you as truly sharing the one Father so as to be your brothers and sisters?
- In general, are the people around me important – or a nuisance?
- Does it matter if you are at peace with them or not?

Holy Communion

- Do you think of this as being BOTH Communion with God and communion with the community?
- Is receiving the body and blood of Christ truly significant, or just a sign of something?
- Are you conscious that the Lord has entered you in a real way?

Dismissal

Do I feel I am sent “to go in Peace glorifying the Lord by your life” or “to announce the gospel of the Lord” – or am I simply let off until next week?

May God bless us all as we gather together and participate fully and consciously in the great sacrifice of the Mass where Jesus is present with us – Fr Robert

Prayers of the faithful

23rd August 2026 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary time

We pray for the church throughout the world: for all God’s people, that they may keep faith with Christ as his true disciples.

We pray for those in our world who live with danger and uncertainty. We remember especially those people across the world who experience natural disasters and live with dangers of any kind. We pray for all those engaged in relief efforts.

We pray for all those who live without faith, without hope and without love. We pray that they may encounter the living God who offers life that has meaning and purpose.

We pray for ourselves that we may live our lives knowing that God has called us and is with us.

We pray for those who have died: that they may see the light of God’s face.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

23rd August 2026 21st Sunday of the year

Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 137; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

The great “O” antiphon for 21st December addresses the coming one as “key of David” referring to this section of Isaiah. Eliakim is presented as one who will come to bring justice to the kingdom and act as a father to God’s people. He will replace Shebna who has held the position of first minister of the king but used it for his own aggrandisement. This passage is given to us to complement the gospel with its commissioning of Peter and the giving of the keys. We are familiar with the denials of Peter during the Passion, and history recounts how some of the successors of Peter resembled Shebna more than Eliakim. For readers today unsettled by turmoil in the Church and in society, the message is the one that Advent always puts before us – God’s reign is unfolding, and we are in a time of transition, because we are always looking forward to the final – and definitive - coming of the Lord. That is not an excuse for inaction on our part – as Paul reminds us, the mind of God is not to be known – but the will of God, that we should be part of the building of the kingdom, most certainly is. To be a disciple is to be like Peter and Eliakim – one who chooses to work with the will of God, one who trusts that they are part of the final plan.

For reflection:

Do you think the role of Peter in the gospels is positive? Do you find the stories of Eliakim and Peter encouraging for you?

Do you experience the ways of God as unsearchable and inscrutable?

Church Services this week:

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

Tuesday - Requiem Mass (Peter Greenrod) at 12 noon

Private prayer - Thursday 10.00 - 11.00am

***Please pray:
For Fr Jon Bielawski of this diocese whose funeral is at the Cathedral
this Thursday at 12 noon***

***For Peter Greenrod, whose funeral Mass will be held on
25th August at 12 noon,
and for John Chick whose funeral will be held here later this month.***

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Thank you!

Abi Burden, Fiona Maguire and Jennie Haynes walked The Macmillan Mighty Hike along the Jurassic coastal path raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

They wish to thank everyone who kindly contributed to their fundraising – every donation was very much appreciated.

Another parishioner, **Joy Rees**, has also been busy walking – Joy left Minehead on the 15th June and completed the whole of the South West Coast Path, (630 miles), finishing on 7th August.

Joy was walking for Julia's House, the children's hospice in Corfe Mullen, if you would like to kindly donate, please click on the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/joy-rees-1>

Congratulations to all our fund-raisers!

Dates for your Diary



***Craft Club Saturday,
5th September 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*

OPEN MEETING

Sunday 6th September following 10.30am Mass

***Your chance to find out what is happening in the parish
and to have your say!***

***Please do come along and support your church and fellow
parishioners.***

From the Plymouth Office:

Advance notice that Bishop Nicholas will be celebrating a Mass for Marriage at the Cathedral on *Saturday September 12th at midday*. Please see poster in the narthex. All couples most welcome, including those whose spouses are no longer with us.



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.