



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
8th June 2025
Pentecost Sunday**



Daily Mass Year 1 – Daily Prayer 2

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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	7th	6.00 pm	Kathleen Heffernan RIP
Sunday	8th	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Monday	9th	10.00 am	Mariasel Gomez RIP (Anniv)
Tuesday	10th	10-11.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	11th	10.00 am	Private Prayer
Thursday	12th	10-11.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Friday	13th	10.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Saturday	14th	6.00 pm	James & Simone Draper RIP

Confessions on Saturdays 5.00-5.45pm or on request.

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

Today we pray for Cheap Street Church.

We hope that this will bring our Christian family closer together.



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Weekly Letter

“Retreat”

For most of next week Deacon Jonathan and I will be joining many other clergy of the Diocese on a few days’ retreat at Buckfast Abbey. This is the annual Diocesan retreat for clergy which is offered to us as a time for prayer, contemplation and to review our spiritual life and our relationship with the Lord and his people who we are called to serve. So, although I will not be physically with you, you will certainly be an important part of my thoughts and prayers, and I hope you might pray for us too.

We will spend each day in prayer, celebrating Mass together and listening to the guidance of a retreat giver – an experienced priest who will share his wisdom with us. That might sound rather pleasant – and I hope it will be – but it should also be a time of challenge when we are asked to explore our weakness, our selfishness and our sinfulness – because those are so often the parts of our lives that prevent us from embracing the Lord wholeheartedly, certainly that has been my experience over the years.

It is called a retreat, not primarily because we are running away from anything – indeed an important intention of the retreat is precisely the opposite – but to face up to the things that we would prefer to ignore or hide from. For me some of the things I shall most appreciate is the beautiful natural surrounds of Buckfast (I used to spend long hours wandering on Dartmoor in the past), the presence of brother priests and deacons, enjoying their company and witness, and the chance to allow myself the time to pursue my friendship with God (I know we are all very busy people, and so sometimes we have to actually make the time to sit and be still).

I'd ask you to pray for us, that the Lord will use this time to come close to us, and that we will use this time well so that it may bear fruit in our lives and in our ministry; and be assured the parish will never be far from my thoughts and prayers.

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

Prayers of the faithful

Pentecost

We pray for the church here and throughout the world: for all God's people, guided by the Holy Spirit and making Christ present in our world.

We pray for those in our world who live with fear, hunger, violence and uncertainty. May the Holy Spirit stir the hearts of all people to bring them peace, justice and consolation, and may we hold them in prayer

We pray for this parish that the Holy Spirit may stir us to act justly and bear witness in faith to our families, our friends, our neighbours and all those known to us.

We pray for ourselves that we may know the power of God's Holy Spirit in our lives, and may be prompt to respond to the call we hear.

We pray for those who have died: especially those from this parish who died recently; that they may see the face of God.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 8th June Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 103; Rom 8:8-17; Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

There is a whole different set of readings for the Vigil Mass of Pentecost, for use where the Mass is celebrated on the Saturday evening. While this might make for organisational difficulty in parishes, it is the opportunity to open up some of the rich passages from the Old Testament which can give a different insight into today's feast: the Tower of Babel narrative (sin leading to division), the theophany on Mount Sinai (God revealed with signs and wonder), the Dry Bones of Ezekiel (only God's spirit can give life, even in impossible circumstances) and the outpouring of the Spirit from the prophet Joel (given to people of all degrees and states). All of these offer an opportunity for an enlightening reflection on the gift of the spirit in the life of the Church, and a powerful way to close the Easter season.

The optional reading from Romans and the alternative gospel of John for the Mass in the day similarly offer the opportunity to explore another aspect of the feast. Both have a common theme of the indwelling of God in the believer. In pondering these two readings it becomes clear that our relationship with God is not something exercised by humanity in an external form by worship and good deeds and so forth, it is rather participating in the very life of God. It is about being "at home" with God, because God makes his home in us. So, the action is God's, and response is simply to allow God to come and dwell in us. In Spanish there is a simple phrase of hospitality "mi casa es su casa" (my house is your house) – in some ways all our prayer is simply addressing that invitation to God.

In the first reading we are not hearing about any "speaking in tongues" as Paul refers to it in several places. This is a very different experience: the great diversity of the hearers encounters the same message – despite their different languages.

The significance of this is not the miracle in itself, rather it is that there is ONE Good News and all people of whatever situation and place are invited to hear it. The gospel will always be received in different ways, but it is still the same gospel.

For reflection:

Can you look at the readings for the Vigil and think about what they may say to you about God's involvement with humanity?

How do you understand the coming of the Holy Spirit? What would you say have been the experiences in your life that might have been the working of the Holy Spirit?

Church Services this week

Mass in the parish church – Monday 10.00am,

***Private Prayer and exposition -Tuesday, Thursday and Friday –
10.00-11.00am***

Confessions – Saturday 5.00 – 5.45 pm and on request

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

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, or leave in the office postbox. It is customary to give a donation, if you can. If you require a special date, please provide your telephone number.

CAFOD

Wednesday 9th July - Join CAFOD and other organisations in a mass lobby of parliament calling for action on the global debt crisis and on climate change.

This will be a unique and inspirational opportunity to join the church's Jubilee Global Debt Campaign and make our call for the cancellation of the debts of countries hit hardest by the climate crisis heard.

To find out more about the issues, see the poster in the hall or use this link <https://cafod.org.uk/news/campaigning-news/join-us-for-the-mass-lobby-of-parliament>

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 7th June – Sherborne Churches Together



PENTECOST PICNIC

Join us for a celebration of
community and discipleship

WHEN: SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

WHERE: PAGEANT GARDENS SHERBORNE

TIME: FROM 2.30PM, ACT OF WORSHIP

AT 3PM, STAY TO ENJOY FOOD,

FELLOWSHIP & ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC AND

SOMETHING TO SIT ON

Craft Club- Saturday 7th June in the church hall 3.00-4.30pm

'Choosy Craft Club', is 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*

SAVE THE DATE !

Feast of the Sacred Heart Celebrations: *Friday 27 June*
refreshments in the hall following mass.

Sign-up sheets will be available nearer the time in the narthex if you are available to provide a plate of food for the event.

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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PASTORAL COUNCIL: Deacon Jonathan Simon,
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Tim Kelly, Tess O'Rourke and Lulu Paul.

HALL BOOKINGS: Please email or phone the Office