



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne**



27th September 2026

**Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalter 2
World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

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**Over the next few weeks, the Parish Office
is open on Friday mornings only.**

However, any emails or telephone calls will be monitored regularly.

Saturday	26th	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	27th	10.30am	For all parishioners
Monday	28th	10.00am	NO MASS
Tuesday	29th	10-11.00am	Private prayer
Wednesday	30th	10.00am	Communion Service
Thursday	1st Oct	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday	2nd	10.00am	Communion Service
Saturday	3rd	6.00pm	Celebrant's Intention

***We welcome Fr Anthony Cockram who will be celebrating Mass
for us this weekend, whilst Fr. Robert is away.***

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

Today we pray for our own parish.

We hope this brings our Christian family together

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Weekly Letter

Reception of **the Eucharist** for the first time completes a person's reception of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Christian life. The Eucharist brings about our intimate union with Jesus Christ because it is a sacrament of love with his Church because it is a sign of unity and with the very presence of the risen Christ who shares his life with us. As Jesus announced, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them' (John 6:56).

The Sacrament of the Eucharist, which we receive at Mass, is the real physical and spiritual presence of Jesus Christ. As Catholics, we take Jesus at his word when he says 'This is my body, which is given for you' (Luke 22:19). Another way of putting this is that Catholics believe in the Real Presence. We believe that Jesus Christ is 'present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity (CCC 1413).' When we compare the man who walked the earth some two thousand years ago with the consecrated Bread and Wine, the only difference is the outward appearance, the underlying reality is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Such is the intimacy that Christ desires with each one of us! In this union with Christ, we also have communion with all our brothers and sisters spread throughout the world.

The Church celebrates the sacrifice of the Mass daily, but Catholics are obliged only to attend Mass on Sundays and a few other [days of obligation](#). For this is how the Church wants us to observe the Lord's Day, by gathering around his table as one family.

Fr. Robert

Brief reflection on the Sunday readings

Sunday 27th September. Twenty sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

Ezk 18:25-28; Ps 24; Ph 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32. Chapter 18 of Ezekiel is a long teaching on personal responsibility. In many ancient societies which were strongly patriarchal and hierarchical it could be argued that everyone suffered from the sins of those in authority – and aspects of that can be traced in some Old Testament passages (e.g. Ex 20:5). Ezekiel addresses the exiles who are suffering, and who attribute that to the failings of those who brought about the fall of Israel and Jerusalem; they are suffering for the sins of their “fathers”. Ezekiel rejects this argument – the exiles are suffering for their own treachery and sinfulness – it is what they have done that has led to their sorry state. They are called to repent – and live - for the Lord takes no pleasure in the death of anyone. Jesus’ parable brings out the same line of argument. The first brother initially refuses to obey – but he thinks better of it and actually does what is asked. The second brother makes all the right noises but fails to act in accordance with his words. We should note that Jesus is addressing the chief priests and elders, and so his words are deliberately offensive and provocative when he tells them that the untouchables (tax collectors and prostitutes) are making their way into the kingdom of God before them. The sinners have lived lives, which apparently seem to reject the commands of God, and yet the message of John the Baptist has led them to repent and so they deserve to live.

The shorter version of the passage from the letter to the Philippians, today’s second reading, can be tied into this idea, but it would be a serious loss not to offer the hearers the sublime poem which is its second part.

Bidding Prayers 27th September

We pray for the church throughout the world: for all those who offer their gifts and time.

We pray for those in our world who suffer from unjust economic and political processes that benefit the few at the expense of the many.

We pray for all those who are sick, bereaved, hungry, and without employment or hope.

We pray for ourselves that we may be willing to serve one another as disciples of the gospel.

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

Church Services this week:

Communion Service Wednesday & Friday 10.00am

Private prayer with Exposition Thursday 10.00 - 11.00am

Private prayer Tuesday 10.00 – 11.00am

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Sacristans

We have a sign up sheet in the narthex for parishioners who would like to join the small group who take part in this important ministry. This role is vital in setting up the Church and assisting the Clergy to prepare for the celebration of Mass.

Please contact any of the Sacristans on the list in the narthex if you wish to find out more about the role.

Thank you!

Pat Herring

Parish Dates for your Diary

Film Friday - 2nd October- 5.30pm

Come and join us for a cozy evening to watch a film, have some snacks and unwind after the first few weeks of school.



Please see the poster in the narthex for details or ask Olympia/Christina after mass on Sunday. Bring friends and family; sweet and savoury treats are also welcome!

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Craft Club 3rd October 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*

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Friends Together Lunch Club

We are back following the summer holidays and look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 7th October - 11:30am - 1:00pm.**

Any donations will be shared equally between CAFOD and The Rendezvous (a Sherborne based charity providing well being and learning support for young people aged 14-25).

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Future dates in October:

Registration Day for First Holy Communion – 10th October 4.30-5.30pm

Scripture Matters – 16th October 10.45am-12.15pm

Mass with Anointing – 18th October – 3.00pm

Global Rosary – 22nd October – 6.30pm

Preparation for First Holy Communion 2026-2027

We are starting to prepare First Holy Communion sessions and invite any parent who wishes their child/children to make their First Holy Communion on 30th May 2027 to contact us.

Registration day will be on ***Saturday 10th October 4.30 –5.30pm***. This will be a relaxed information meeting, with registration forms completed (this is a legal requirement) and the children given their books and bibles which they will need at all sessions. The “I Belong” programme is followed and the Catechists who run the sessions are DBS checked.

Please contact:

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From the Plymouth Office:

Prayer Conference - Buckfast Abbey, Saturday Oct 31 & Nov 1. 2026 UNBOUND Freedom in Christ.

Prayer Conference. Buckfast Abbey,
Saturday Oct 31 & Sunday Nov 1. 2026 (weekend event)

A weekend immersion in the inspirational teaching of UNBOUND Deliverance Ministry. A safe, gentle and non-confrontational freedom and inner healing ministry model, which helps people reclaim their true identity in Christ. Come and join us as we unpack each of the key themes of the ministry; Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessing. With an opportunity for a personal prayer session and the chance to claim true freedom in Christ. Weekend tickets from £65.

Call or email Michele Thompson, Officer for Evangelisation for more information on 07940 453607 michele.thompson@prcdtr.org.uk

For more information on Unbound Ministry please follow the link:

<https://www.unboundprayer.com/>



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.