



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
1st June 2025
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Daily Mass Year 1 – Daily Prayer 3**

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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	31st	6.00pm	May McGrath RIP
Sunday	1st June	10.30am	Michael Hayes RIP
Monday	2nd	10.00am	Princess Anne
Tuesday	3rd	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	4th	10.00am	John Kennedy RIP
Thursday	5th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday	6th	10.00am	Fr Robert Andras RIP
Saturday	7th	6.00pm	Foundation Mass

Today is World Communications Day – we pray for all who work in the media that they broadcast with truth and integrity.



Sherborne Churches Together invites us to pray for a particular worshipping community each week. Today we pray for St Mary Magdalene, Castleton and St Martin of Tours, Lillington.

We hope this brings our Christian family together.

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Weekly Letter

Pope Leo XIV to the faithful

I am sure we have all wondered what Pope Leo is like – and we have perhaps heard various comments. I was very encouraged to read these words from him given at St Peter's last Sunday

“In whatever the Lord calls us to do, in both our daily lives and our journey of faith, there are times when we feel inadequate. Yet this Sunday's Gospel (cf. Jn 14:23-29) tells us not to rely on our own abilities but on the mercy of the Lord who has chosen us, and to be certain that the Holy Spirit guides us and teaches us all things.

On the eve of the Master's death, the Apostles, in their bewilderment and distress, wondered how they were to continue to bear witness to the kingdom of God. Jesus then spoke to them of the gift of the Holy Spirit. He made this wonderful promise: “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them” (v. 23).

In this way, Jesus freed the disciples from their anxiety, telling them: “Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid” (v. 27). For if we remain in his love, he comes to dwell in us and our life will become a temple of God. His love enlightens us, influences the way we think and act, spreads outwards to others and embraces every situation in our lives.

This dwelling of God within us, brothers and sisters, is precisely the gift of the Holy Spirit, who takes us by the hand and enables us to experience God's presence and closeness amid our daily lives, for he makes us his home.

It is wonderful to think that, when we consider our individual calling, the situations we encounter and the people entrusted to our care, our commitments and responsibilities, and our service in the Church, each of us can say with confidence: “Despite my weakness, the Lord is not ashamed of my humanity. Instead, he comes to dwell within me. He accompanies me with his Spirit; he enlightens me and makes me an instrument of his love for others, for society and for the world.”

Dear friends, on the basis of that promise, let us walk in the joy born of faith, in order to become a holy temple of the Lord. Let us resolve to bring his love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling

place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering, who ask us to be thoughtful and compassionate Christians.”

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

Prayers of the faithful

7th Sunday of Easter

We pray for the church throughout the world: for all who form the holy people of God, who already participate in the very life of God.

We pray for those in our world who seek to live in security and safety. We pray for all those who strive to meet their needs.

We pray for our parish community: for all those who serve the body of Christ here by witness, ministry and prayer. May the Holy Spirit build up our community through these members.

We pray for all those known to us who have need of our prayers: the sick, the anxious and the sorrowful.

We pray for all those who have died: that they may share in the Resurrection of Christ.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 1st June 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Ps 96; Rev 22: 12-14,16-17.20 Jn 17:20-26.

Despite the deep violence in the account of Stephen's death in the first reading, there is a sense of calm. That is typical of Luke's account of Jesus' Passion, and it is echoed here. The reference to standing at the right hand, the words "into your hands" and the forgiving of his enemies all recall the account of Jesus' death in Luke's earlier work. That is very deliberate – the true disciple is like his master, and Stephen shows that through the manner of his death. That is all possible because of the gift of the Holy Spirit which fills Stephen. The

gospel is a marvellous section from John's great priestly prayer of Jesus: Jesus prays for those who will follow him as disciples, those who will believe through those with him at the Last Supper – and Stephen is one of those – as are we who hear those words today. The passage emphasises the unity that is the heart of faith in Jesus – unity with him who is fully united with the Father and the unity among the believers – and that unity is rooted in love. It is an inspiring and uplifting gospel with which Eastertide draws to its end. And the great positive tone is present also in the passage from the Book of Revelation with its promise of the water of life and the invitation to "Come" – to come and share in the life of Spirit which draws all the faithful into the love of the Triune God with those who thirst for the water of life.

For reflection:

Jesus' great prayer in these chapters from John's gospel includes his prayer to the Father for his disciples. Do you appreciate that he means you in that prayer?

In what ways do you find the invitation to "Come" in the reading from the book of Revelation applied to you now?

Church Services this week

Mass in the parish church - Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 10.00

Confessions – Saturday 5.00 – 5.45 pm and on request

Please note – the new parish website is now online – see details in this newsletter and feel free to feedback comments

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

Thursday 5th June is the Feast of St Boniface, Patron of the Diocese, Chapter Mass from the Cathedral will be streamed from the Cathedral at 12 noon that day.

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. It is customary to give a donation, if you can. If you require a special date, please provide your telephone number.

A large key on a red fob has been handed in - if you think this may be yours, please see Deacon Jonathan, or contact the office.

Thank you.

Dates for your Diary



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*

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

Dear Friends,

I have committed to walking the 100km Via Francigena into Rome in September this year in favour of Life Charity. Enormous link - below!



Help Nick Johnson raise money to support Life : [trk.justgiving.com](https://trk.justgiving.com/f/a/HjO_RbpX_9-t7GRH6l9-ig~~/AAME8RA~/8HZRO_TTRyMm8zrtF0l1uC6N1OtH7SH1g6rFgbAeVE-MfPV1WoozexKL2qOB6Ju4H_HfrVBbj_zzVPCDOPLtDWHWjBfzWlha1tk_x_gfl6jgJ-122wpGl2zNttkCMYytBce4NwinyfVyfBXRSJY3DggWMzFOZQh4P2fjQ5qsbUqJBGEnMPbsjNC9OPFaL4_fYAvR1XsPGOpIdwL1My614YzRZQkdMlnkKd-viHR0QYCc5l38n2iaXQdo1KMUFzcJMle11n82PKxRDbG5pSlbFLQ7vleF2CvjPz_zQG2b8Ra-y1hkhrd5RWaA3UEc8ha5FT6zQq8BkE-eRESZxXFH3XipyeUyiFCrzS1zig7uZkz3kgsRY1vvR6Fcoj7Xgrsgo)
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I know there will be parishioners all over the Diocese who support this charity and I would be delighted if they might offer some support!

Best wishes

Deacon Nick Johnson, St Mary's, Poole
Pastoral Life Coordinator - Holy Family, Bournemouth
Director of the Permanent Diaconate in Plymouth Diocese

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***From the Plymouth office:***

Please click on the link below for the Diocesan newsletter which includes a reflection on our new Pope from Canon Paul Cummins :

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-4A106CCA7386F8E42540EF23F30FEDED>

### **Light a Candle at the National Shrine – A Beautiful Act of Faith**

As we approach the Feast of St Boniface this June, the Jubilee Year presents a special opportunity to reflect, celebrate, and come together in faith. Lighting a candle at the National Shrine is a meaningful way to participate. It symbolizes prayer, devotion, and our connection with Our Lord.

To take part, please visit our website:

<https://catholicchurchcrediton.org/index.php/support-us/light-a-candle>  
make a donation (£2 suggested), and email [crediton@prcdtr.org.uk](mailto:crediton@prcdtr.org.uk) to let us know. Candles will be lit upon request: Wednesdays before 4pm and Sundays before 9:30am Mass.

Thank you for your support—we deeply appreciate it!

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**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 parish 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:** Kristine Mountain  
Jennie Haynes

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Deacon Jonathan Simon,  
Georgina Bruce, Tricia Chapman,  
Tim Kelly, Tess O'Rourke, Lulu Paul.

**HALL BOOKINGS:** Please email or 'phone the Office.