



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



16th August 2026

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Daily Mass Year 2 – Psalm 4**

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The Parish Office is generally open on Wednesday & Friday mornings

Saturday	15th	6.00pm	Lillian Wilson & Philip Gilmore R.I.P
Sunday	16th	10.30am	The Paul & Gomez family intentions
Monday	17th	10.00am	For the sick and housebound
Tuesday	18th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Wednesday	19th	10.00am	E.Beamish, G. Lidwell O’Sullivan, E.White & family R.I.P (Foundation Mass)
Thursday	20th	10-11.00am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday	21st	10.00am	Rachel Mathai R.I.P (Anniversary)
Saturday	22nd	6.00pm	John Boodle R.I.P

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



Today we pray for Castleton and Lillington parishes.
We hope this brings our Christian family together.

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Weekly Letter

“Participation at Mass (2)”

“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 readings – if we remember that the readings are ancient writings from very different times, very different cultures, addressing a very different world view, and translated many times, we should be aware that we should not expect them to come across very directly and easily.

What helps me understand them and be part of them?

What preparation do I make to be aware of what they may reveal of my life with God?

Do I think of the readings as something:

For me?

For the Church?

For the others?

How does my attention help/distract me?

Help/distract others?

The Homily

Do you ever think it is directed to you personally?

Do I think I might get anything from it?

How much effort do I make?

The Creed – do you try and understand what you say you believe?

Do you think of it as something WE profess together as OUR faith?

The Intercessions

Could I give a description of each of them?

Do I think of them as being relevant?

Do I think of them as part of my duty as a baptised Christian to pray them?

Do I actually try and make them my own prayers? – the pause before our response is designed precisely to allow us to make them our own intentions.

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

16th August 2026 – Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

We pray for the church here and throughout the world: for all God's people, who hope in the eternal life promised in today's feast.

We pray for the people of the Middle East who live with hunger, violence and fear, we pray for refugees fleeing their homelands. May the Lord bring consolation to those in need, and may we hold them in our prayer

We pray for all those in the parish who are sick, housebound, bereaved and lonely and all those known to us in need of consolation and comfort.

We pray for ourselves that, like Mary, we may live out our faith in word and in deed.

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

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

16th August 2026 – Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10. Ps 44; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Lk 1:39-56

The extraordinary drama and vivid picture painting of the passage from the book of Revelation can easily dominate today's celebration, but behind the poetic language lies an important theological truth that is about all of God's people. The

association of the woman in the Book of the Apocalypse with Mary goes back to the early centuries of the Church, though it may not have been in the mind of the author, whose apocalyptic imagery comes from mining the writings of the prophets. John, the writer, may have had texts like Isaiah 66:7-16 in mind – a consolatory text insisting on God’s victory over his enemies and the guarantee of the future flourishing of God’s people. Such a message permeates the work and offers encouragement to all Christians – those persecuted certainly, but all who simply struggle with faith in an unsympathetic world. The essential message of today’s text – and of the whole of the book of Revelation – is that Christ has won the victory, and the final triumph is not in question. That, of course, is the reason for today’s feast. By declaring Mary now assumed into heaven, the Church insists that the process of salvation for God’s people has begun, that ‘those who belong to him’ will share in his life as Paul tells us in the second reading. Mary’s Magnificat is a prophetic text that tells its hearers of what God has done, is doing and will do – this is accomplished in Mary and will be fulfilled ‘from age to age in those who fear him.’

For reflection:

Do you find the Book of Revelation baffling? What aspects of it are encouraging for you?

Do you find consolation for your destiny by pondering the place of Mary in heaven?

Church Services this week:

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

Private prayer with Exposition Tuesday and Thursday 10.00 - 11.00am

Please pray

***For Beatrice Guthrie, to be baptised this Sunday (16th), and for her
parents and godparents.***

***For parishioners Peter Greenrod, and John Chick who died recently.
Also for Simon Clarkson who played the organ for us on many an
occasion.***

Peter Greenrod’s funeral Mass will be held on 25th August at 12 noon.

May they rest in peace.

Please help!
We desperately need more
Catechists, Sacristans and Stewards

Perhaps over the summer holidays you could consider volunteering to help with these important ministries.

Catechists to be involved in the preparation for
1st Holy Communion and Children's Liturgy on a Sunday.

Sacristans to help prepare the church for Mass, and **Stewards** who welcome and assist parishioners at the weekend Masses.

Thank you – the more volunteers we have on each rota eases the commitment for everyone!

(Please speak to Fr Robert, Deacon Jonathan, or contact the Parish Office if you can help).

Message from Bishop Nicholas on behalf of
the Catholic Children's Society

"These are challenging times for many families experiencing financial hardship. Such families are often in temporary accommodation after fleeing abuse or the breakdown of relations or the loss of their jobs due to illness and circumstances beyond their control.

The Essential Grants Programme exists to provide essential items to help relieve families' needs. The Catholic Children's Society warmly encourage applications from such families for school uniforms, shoes, beds, mattresses and bedding, clothes for children and newborn babies, cots, bottles, chests of drawers, wardrobes, alongside white goods such as cookers and fridges. They require all such applications to be accompanied by a referee. The process from application to supply is usually within two to three weeks. (For more information on how to donate, please see poster in the narthex) *Thank you.*



Dates for your Diary

THERE ARE NO UP AND COMING EVENTS UNTIL SEPTEMBER -
EVERYONE IS TAKING A WELL-EARNED SUMMER BREAK!

Wishing you all a happy and blessed summer.

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.