



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
12th May 2024**



**Seventh Sunday of Easter - Year B – Week 3
WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

E-mail: sherborne@prcdtr.org.uk website: www.sherbornecatholicchurch.org.uk

Office will be open on Wednesday & Friday 9.30 – 12.30 this week
Please email or leave a phone message and we will get back to you.

Many thanks to Fr Anthony Cockram, who is covering Masses this weekend

Mass

Intentions

Saturday 11 th	6.00 pm	Celebrant's Intentions
Sunday 12 th	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intentions
Monday 13 th	10.00 am	John Kennedy RIP anniversary
Tuesday 14 th Feast of St Matthias - Apostle	10 – 11.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Wednesday 15 th	10.00 am	People of the Parish
Thursday 16 th	10 – 11.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Friday 17 th	10.00 am	Mary Shiels RIP

Confessions on Saturdays 5.00-5.45pm or on request

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Prayers: For all who work in the media; may they broadcast with truth and integrity. For places and events that are forgotten by the news; may they be remembered in our hearts

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

Today we pray for the Cheap Street Church, we hope that this will bring the Christian family closer together.



Liturgy of the Word

Spend a little time during the week preparing the readings for next week, the Feast of Pentecost.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

Loud noise, a mighty storm, fire, languages – these symbols, used to describe the first Christian Pentecost, tells us forcefully that here something totally new is happening. God's Spirit of power is breaking through to bring divided humanity together in a community where there is room for all.

Second Reading Galatians 5:16-25

If we are guided by the Spirit, we die with Jesus to sin, we live for love and joy and all that is good.

Gospel John 15:26-27

The Holy Spirit will make Christians throughout the ages discover the meaning of the words spoken by God's living Word, Jesus.

“The first Novena”.

In the first parish I worked in, there was a very lovely and prayerful lady who was known as Vena – that wasn't her real name, it was a shortened version of the word Novena, and she was called Vena because her answer to everything was to pray about it – and she especially would offer a form of prayer called a Novena for anyone and anything when asked.

At the very beginning of the book of Acts we are told that after his Resurrection Jesus showed himself to his disciples for forty days and was then taken up to heaven. The disciples went back to Jerusalem and with Mary, the mother of Jesus and several other women, spent their time in continuous prayer. At Pentecost – which is fifty days after Passover – the Holy Spirit came down on the group and transformed them all – they were filled with the Spirit and empowered to preach and speak fearlessly.

That period of prayer between the Ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is the time we are going through at the moment – if Jesus ascended after forty days and the Spirit came at Pentecost – fifty days – then we are invited to think of the disciples and Mary and the women gathered together in constant prayer awaiting what God would send them. Those days are counted as the first Novena – a word which simply means nine days – nine days of prayer asking God to send his power and gifts.

These days many people pray Novenas. And there are all sorts of special Novenas, often with added devotions attached. But what really matters is the idea that a Novena is a period of prayer which is lengthy – and is prayed over nine days – and puts us in company with the Apostles and Mary at the very beginning of the life of the Church. You might want to join in this year – you don't need special prayers, though you can easily find prayers online, but simply to find some time each day between the Feast of the Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost asking God to empower you and give you his gifts so that like the Apostles and Mary you can be a witness to the gospel in the world,

May God bless all our parish community this season, confirm us in our faith as we invite the Holy Spirit to transform our lives as he did at Pentecost.

Fr Robert.

Prayers of the Faithful Seventh Sunday of Easter.

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

We pray for those in our world who seek 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.

Bible reference for the readings for this Sunday – and a short reflection from Fr Robert

Sunday 12th May Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps102 1Jn 4:11-16 Jn 17:11-19

It might seem a little strange to throw lots to decide who takes up the role of apostle, but it is not quite as arbitrary as it seems. There is a criterion: “someone who has been with us the whole time” from the time of John the Baptist to the Ascension. The choices are then discerned and prayed for before the lots are cast. It’s important to remember that there was no blueprint for the apostles to follow, and it is also worth noting that while it sounds like the role of the twelfth apostles will be significant, we hear no more of Matthias, and there is no ongoing role of “the twelve”. From the late pastoral letters of Paul we know that the setting up of successors and church structure became a priority and that slowly developed into something that clearly resembles the church structure we see today. But those basic criteria that exercised the apostles at the time of Matthias’ election still obtain. Those who take on ministry have to be those who know the Lord Jesus and have spent time with him, their selection has to be a matter of discernment by those entrusted with office, and the whole has to be done through prayer. Pope Francis has frequently reminded the church that ministry – especially senior ministry – is not a career but is service to the Lord’s sheep.

For reflection

*Do you feel that in the Church there is a real distinction between the idea of
career and that of ministry?*

*Do you feel that you know many in the Church in all roles who truly seek to
serve rather than be served? Does that include you?*

*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.*

Thank you.

*To the innumerable people who give their time and energy to enable us
to celebrate our faith in this parish all manner of ways.*

**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 there are specific needs you have and want
help – let us know.**

*If you do not wish to receive any email communication from the parish, please let
us know.*

*If you are reading this online, but would like to receive it as an email, please
contact the parish office through the link to this website.*

*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.*

Dates for your Diary

Friday 10th May, First Communion Preparation in the Hall at 4.00pm

Friday 17th Scripture Matters with Gay Barry, in St Aldhelm's Room after Mass 10.45 – 12.15. Please bring a bible.

Saturday 18th Wedding of Raychel Hill and Oliver Curson at midday

Sunday 2nd June First Communion Day

Saturday 7th June Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass at 6.00pm followed by a get together in the Hall.

Sunday 7th July Parish Open Meeting after Mass in the Hall, everyone welcome.

Calling all Young People in School years 3 – 12

Bookings are now open for the Plymouth Diocese Summer Camps 2024 (no tents required)!

Junior Camp: School years 3-6 4th – 8th August

Senior Camp: School years 7-10 28th July – 2nd August

St Petroc's Camp: School years 11 and 12 31st July – 2nd August.

Summer Camps are a great opportunity to meet other young people in the Diocese and get to know each other through games, quiz nights, treasure hunts, days out and much more!

Leaflets and a poster, to find out more information, can be found in the Narthex.

Youth Adventure Residential – Grangehurst, Buckfast Abbey

For those who are adventurous or want to try something different, aged 10 – 14 24th – 26th May. For more information contact Saskia:

youth@prcdtr.org.uk

LAUDATO SI WEEK 2024 - SEEDS OF HOPE

Laudato Si' week begins Sunday 19 and ends on Sunday 26 May. This year's Laudato Si' Week theme is inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, "first fruits." We are invited to be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love. Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical Laudato Si' remains a profound invitation to everyone on the planet to care for our common home. Find resources to reflect and respond to Laudato Si' in the light of your faith, including prayers and ideas for practical action, relating to climate change, the environment and sustainable development

- <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/the-diocese/how-we-work/environment/>

This year Caritas Diocese of Plymouth is offering a series of events at Plymouth Cathedral to mark our fifth anniversary and Laudato Si' week – all welcome. <https://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/seedsofhope-3/>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Crediton on Sunday **9th of June** at St Boniface Church, Park Rd, Crediton presided over by Canon Paul Cummins. Parishioners are warmly invited to the celebration of the Feast of Saint Boniface, Patron of our Diocese.

Pilgrims are invited to gather from 4:00 PM at the Church for Vespers and Benediction. Light refreshments will be provided. For further information, please see poster or e-mail crediton@prcdtr.org.uk. Parking is available nearby for coaches.



Join **CAFOD's** Director Christine Allen to explore the power of leaving a gift in your Will to make a lasting impact in the world, at Our Lady of Sorrows & St Philip Benizi in Fordingbridge on **Tue 18 June**, 10.45am to 12:25pm. To find out more and to book your

place please go to cafod.org.uk/legacyevent



Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 26th July - 1st Aug

Here's your chance to join us at Our Lady's beautiful shrine this year; let's go and bring some blessings back for our diocese!

Fr Chris (01202) 746539 – there are posters in the Narthex for more information.

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 9.30 – 12.30

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

HALL BOOKINGS: Please email or phone the Office.

PARISH SECRETARIES: Claire Burden and Kristine Mountain.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Caroline Field, Deacon Jonathan Simon
Georgina Bruce, Tricia Chapman, Michael Farebrother, Tim Kelly, Tess O'Rourke, Lulu Paul, Olympia Pudelko