



**Catholic Parish of
The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelm
Sherborne
19th May 2024**



**Seventh Week in Ordinary Time - Year B – Week 3
Feast of Pentecost**

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

Mass

Intentions

Saturday 18 th	6.00 pm	Annamone Abraham RIP
Sunday 19 th	10.30 am	People of the Parish
Monday 20 th	10.00 am	For Family welfare
Tuesday 21 st	10 – 11.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Wednesday 22 nd	10 – 11.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Thursday 23 rd	10.00 am	O'Flaherty family
Feast of The Eternal High Priest – Our Lord Jesus Christ		
Friday 24 th	10.00 am	Kevin & Betty McSherry
Feast of St Aldhelm of Sherborne		

Confessions on Saturdays 5.00-5.45pm or on request

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Prayers: For Raychel & Olly who were married on Saturday may they grow in love for each other and God.

For the Holy Father; may he be a focus for unity and peace.

For the local Church; may it be a beacon of Christ.

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

Today we pray for the ReBorne Community 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, Trinity Sunday.

First Reading Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40

God, the creator, guided the destiny of his chosen people to show himself as a saving God and to make this beloved people a sign of salvation to all.

Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

Through the Holy Spirit of God in us, we know that we are children of the Father in heaven and called with God's Son, the Risen Christ, to be heirs to a future world.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

We are the missionary people of God, baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We come from God and with Christ alive among us we have to lead the world to God.

“The Holy Spirit”.

I think I always enjoyed the idea of going to school – of learning and finding out about all sorts of things. I think I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to spend a lot of my life learning and I still spend a lot of time reading – I always have several books on the go! But the reality is that I long ago discovered what the ancient Greeks knew – that the more we know the more we realise how little that is in the big picture! I couldn't begin to grasp the vast amount of information there is in the world regarding the planets and the stars, the extraordinary complexity of human life and the brain, the great processes that make up climate and the living world. Reality and all there is, are simply too vast to begin to comprehend in any real way. And that is also true about another significant aspect of my life – the reality of God!

I have struggled – and still struggle – with reading and pondering theology – the science of understanding God and the things of God. and that should not surprise me – when I contemplate the vastness of the world and all the cosmos, I know that my simple little mind is not big enough to hold it all together and comprehend it – and it is even more certain that my tiny human mind cannot grasp the vastness of God – the one who is origin and creator of all that there is – including me of course! The human brain and mind simply cannot grasp the greatness of God by its own power. However that task does not depend on our own paltry efforts.

Whatever we know about God and the things of God are ultimately revealed by God and our task is “simply” to receive it and make it part of our life and live it out. We all know of the great revealing that God has made through scripture and the teaching of those who have gone before us, the things we have heard and appreciated, and ultimately the definitive revelation that is the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But this week's great feast of Pentecost assures us that God's revelation to us is something that is ongoing, not just in the wide world, but in our own personal life. When we were baptised, when we were confirmed the Holy Spirit – the very presence of God – was given to us, put in our hearts and lives, and abides there. Like so much that is in our lives and part of us, we may well not be aware of it, we may well not refer to it, we may not bother with it in the midst of all the other things going on, and yet the truth is that the Holy Spirit is with us and in us, and the wisdom and gifts of God are available to us, but it is through prayer and desire that the Spirit can come to us – if we want to understand even a little of the world we live in we have to engage with it – if we want

to come to know and understand the things of God it is even more essential that we engage with the presence of the Holy Spirit poured out on us.

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

We pray for the church 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.

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

Sunday 19th May Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 103 Gal 5:16-25 Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-13

Pentecost concludes the season of Easter with the celebration of the outpouring of the Spirit. The church therefore offers us the opportunity to celebrate this great feast in a very solemn way. The first option given in the missal is for a solemn vigil which in some ways mirrors the Easter vigil in terms of the extended liturgy of the word with Old Testament readings, psalms and special prayers. Where communities have a well-developed liturgical tradition this option could indeed be a rich experience where the significance of this solemnity could be opened up to the faithful. The story of Babel, the account of the theophany on Sinai, the vision of the dry bones and the prophecy of Joel all give an opportunity to explore the (inevitably) mysterious working and effects of the Holy Spirit.

Even if the simple form of the Vigil is used, any of these readings can offer profound insights into how the Holy Spirit can be perceived. The readings of the day offer two different accounts of the giving of the Spirit – the account from Luke of the upper room from Acts, and the giving of the Spirit by Jesus on the evening of Easter day from John. It is worth considering the tension which two such very different accounts might present. The workings of God cannot be contained in simple human categories of time and space, and this should emphasise both the mystery and reality of the Holy Spirit which is articulated in the rich language, analogies and images that have been employed throughout the Christian tradition. It is the very essence of God as Holy Spirit that the person of the Spirit may not be restricted and contained by language and human constructs. That may be a limit to our understanding, but the Spirit is, inevitably, beyond comprehension and so we are invited always to enter deeper into mystery. The reading from Paul to the Corinthians, or the reading to the Galatians as an option for the year B give us a way of perceiving the Spirit in the effects that the Spirit brings – and such **effects** are surely able to be experienced, recognised and spoken about. That has been the reality that the faithful have known since the first Pentecost.

For reflection

Do you feel that in the Church there is a real sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit?

Do you feel that you have received the Holy Spirit in baptism and confirmation? How does that manifest itself?

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 note weekday mass in the church this week:
Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings.***

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 24th First Communion preparation in the Hall at 4.00pm

Wednesday 29th the Finance Committee meet in the Upper Room at 6.00pm

Sunday 2nd June First Communion Day

Friday 7th Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass at 6.00pm followed by a bring & share supper in the Hall. Please sign up in the Narthex

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

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Crediton on Sunday 9th of June at St Boniface Church, Park Rd, Crediton presided over by Cannon 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.

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/>

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