



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



19th January 2025

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Daily Mass Year 1 – Daily Prayer 2

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

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 18th	6.00 pm	
Sunday 19th	10.30 am	Ann Largan
Monday 20th	10.00 am	The McLaughlin family
Tuesday 21st	10.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Wednesday 22nd	10.00 am	The Grant Family
Thursday 23rd	10.00 am	Private Prayer & Exposition
Friday 24th	10.00 am	Gay Barry's Intentions
Saturday 25th	6.00 pm	Jennifer Harvey-Kelly RIP

Confessions on Saturdays 5.00-5.45pm or on request.

Sherborne Churches Together:

During this week of prayer for Christian unity, we pray for all other Christian churches in our local community.

We hope that this will bring our Christian family closer together.

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Weekly Letter

“Ordinary time”

After four weeks of Advent (three weeks of purple and one of “rose”) and three of white for the feasts of the Incarnation, it was “back to normal” to be vesting in green this week – we have returned to “Ordinary” time. Not that I mind – green is after all the colour of life, growth and flourishing – there are. In fact, a few signs in nature now – the trees are still bare and nothing much has put its head above the ground, but there are a few green leaves showing themselves and, of course, my beloved daffodils have started to put out flowers, though I wait for more when we will have something that Wordsworth described: “a host of golden daffodils.”

I suspect most of us would describe ourselves as “ordinary” people living “ordinary” lives – so I don’t think we should regard “ordinary” in any derogatory sense. It is, in some sense, the natural place we belong and carry out our lives. And “ordinary” enables us to appreciate, and celebrate, the extra-ordinary – as we have just been doing with regard to the preparation for, and rejoicing in, the Incarnation.

So, I suggest that we can all relax a little and savour the ordinariness of ordinary time, pursue a gentle ordered routine of prayer and liturgy, giving thanks for the simple and ordinary joys in our lives, the pleasure and delights of the everyday, the ordinary circle of friends and family, the regular cycle of weekly tasks and engagements. As beloved children of God there are so many extraordinary experiences and blessings in our lives to acknowledge in thanksgiving, and many sadnesses to ponder in prayer, so that there is nothing “ordinary” about this ordinary time.

And, by the way, its only six or so weeks until we move out of ordinary time and enter into Lent, where we will be very conscious of the different season!

May God bless all of us in this parish and keep us all together as we seek to share God’s goodness and many gifts and blessings today and everyday.

Fr Robert

Prayers of the faithful

Second Sunday in Ordinary time

In this week of prayer for Christian Unity we pray for the church throughout the world. We pray for all our brothers and sisters from the other Christian churches in the local community. May we be a sign together of the kingdom in the world.

We pray for all across the world who need our prayers at this time. For the victims of natural disaster, of war and of violence, and of political unrest.

We pray for ourselves, that we may recognise Christ present to us, and that we might put our faith and trust in him.

We pray for those we love, and all those known to us who are in need our prayers at this time.

We pray for those who have died: that they may share in the kingdom of light.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 19th January

Is 62:1-5; Ps 95; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

When compiling the Lectionary, it was decided that the second Sunday in ordinary time should always have a gospel of John, the evangelist who states unequivocally “The Word became Flesh”. This year the gospel recounts the third great Epiphany (revelation) of the Lord. In the tradition (especially the Eastern Christian tradition) the three great revelations of Jesus are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the marriage feast of Cana. In each case there is a clear indication that the event reveals Jesus and **who he is**. John never talks of miracles in his gospel but simply of signs – because these signs indicate the truth of the one who brings them about. They always point to **who** Jesus is, never simply to a great event. So it is here, the gospel writer clearly states:

“This was the first sign given by Jesus. It was given in Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.” So it is belief in **him** – in Jesus – that is the point of the miracle. The marriage at Cana takes place after the initial calling of disciples and leads into the ministry of Jesus, when he arrives in Jerusalem and begins teaching. In one sense the marriage feast takes the place of the temptation accounts in the synoptic tradition; it is a confirmation that Jesus is imbued with power from on high. In the synoptic tradition he reveals his power over the evil one by reference to the scriptures, in this gospel he completes the promises of the scriptures, by revealing that the great wealth of marriage and wedding imagery of the prophets and psalms comes to fulfilment in him. The wedding themes of the Hebrew Scriptures are always about God’s faithful covenant with his (unfaithful) people, in the wedding feast at Cana Jesus displays that this covenant comes to a new reality in the sign of the over-abundance of wine, which reveals who he is to his disciples – then and now.

For reflection:

Do you often reflect on the significance of the many incidents of feasting and celebrating in scripture as being significant for your destiny at the heavenly banquet?

The Eucharist is described in the liturgy as “the promise and foretaste of the paschal feast of heaven”. Is that your experience of attending Mass?

***Mass this week in the church
Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10.00am***

***Please pray for:
Jennifer Harvey-Kelly whose funeral will be celebrated this coming
Wednesday and for her family***

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, or leave in the office postbox. It is customary to give a donation, if you can.



An appeal to our Milborne Port parishioners.

If anyone is able to provide a lift to Mass for a lady living in Milborne Port, would you please contact her son directly on: adrian.j.chitty@gmail.com.

Thank you!



Dates for your Diary

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sherborne Churches Together are supporting this Octave of Prayer (18–25 January 2025). The theme is "Do you believe this?" All are welcome to attend the following:

Covenant Service: On Saturday 18 January 2025, 4.00 pm Cheap Street Church. An important service all Methodists celebrate at the start of the year to promise covenant faithfulness to God. Led by The Reverend Kate Konrad and The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell.

Reflection and Prayer: On Tuesday 21 January 2025, 7.00 pm Lady Chapel, Abbey. A contemplative service on the meaning of Christian Unity. Led by The Reverend Rebecca McDonnell.

Thought for the Day: On Thursday 23 January 2025, 10.30 am Cheap Street Church. Led by Phil Wield, Quakers.

Ecumenical Communion: On Friday 24 January 2025, 9.00 am Sepulchre Chapel, Abbey. Led by The Reverend Lin Francis, Superintendent Minister of Yeovil & BMV Methodist Church.

Intercessions will also be offered for Christian unity daily at Morning Prayer (8.30 am; Sepulchre Chapel, Abbey) during this period.

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‘Scripture Matters’ Friday 24th January 10.45am-12.15pm.

Once a month, our small group gathers in the Church Hall to reflect on and discuss ‘God’s Word’ in the Readings for the following Sunday’s celebration of Mass. For further information please contact: gaybarry39@hotmail.com or 07887 840449.

Craft Club in the Church Hall Saturday 25th January 3-4.30pm

‘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*

The Rendezvous Community Cuppa – all welcome 10-11.45am at Cheap Street Church Hall.

Mondays – 20th Jan, 17th Feb, 17th March, 21st April and 19th May
Drinks £1, Homemade cake or savoury item £2.

From the Plymouth Office:

Vacancy

Plymouth Safeguarding Team have a vacancy for a new member of staff – **Head of Safeguarding**. The post will be based at St. Boniface House, Ashburton, further details are available on the noticeboard in the narthex.

For an informal conversation about the role, please contact Tracey Fuller, HR Manager on tracey.fuller@prcdtr.org.uk To apply, please send application form/c.v., a covering letter, and details of two employment referees to recruitment@prcdtr.org.uk ***by midday on 20th January 2025.***

13-17 Year old Residential. January 24th – 26th 2025

East Shallowford Farm, Dartmoor.

Come and join other 13 -17 year olds from across the Diocese to explore the scripture Job 12:7-10. There will be workshops for you to join in. These include: photography; music; art and filming. East Shallowford is a working farm giving you a chance to meet the animals and feed them. There is a small charge of £50 for the weekend. Contact Saskia Hogbin for further information; youth@prcdtr.org.uk or follow the link to book: <https://forms.office.com/e/xVBd8tV0fG>

UNBOUND

Practical guide to deliverance and true Freedom in Christ.

In this Jubilee year where Pope Francis has asked us to be “Pilgrims of Hope” this day will offer practical guidance on the spiritual battle of life and how inner healing and deliverance can give us true freedom in Christ.

The day is being led by Sue Walsh the National Co-ordinator of Unbound Prayer ministry UK, and will be held at : ***Buckfast Abbey conference centre on Saturday 15th February 10am-3pm. (Dart View Room 4).***

There is an opportunity to go to the Abbey mass at noon. Bookings need to be done through plymouth-crownhill@prcdtr.org.uk Enquiries: 01752 701660. We look forward to seeing you.

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 9.30am – 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

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HALL BOOKINGS: Please email or phone the Office