



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



20th October 2024

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Daily Mass Year 2 – Daily Prayer 1

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The Parish Office is open on Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm
Please email or leave a phone message and we will get back to you.

Saturday 19th	6 pm	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday 20th	10.30 am	Celebrant's Intention
Monday 21st	10.00 am	Private prayer & Exposition
Tuesday 22nd	10.00 am	Private prayer & Exposition
Wednesday 23rd	10.00 am <i>Communion Service</i>	Jerry Gomez RIP
Thursday 24th	10.00 am	Private prayer & Exposition
Friday 25th	10.00 am <i>Communion Service</i>	Peter Rhodes RIP
Saturday 26th	6 pm	Celebrant's Intention



Prayers: On this, Mission Sunday, we pray for the work of Missio across the world. May our prayers, and our gifts, continue to give hope and help to those in greatest need.

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 that this will bring our Christian family closer together.

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Liturgy of the Word

Spend a little time preparing the readings for next week, the Thirtieth week in Ordinary time.

First Reading (Jer 31:7-9) God Gathers His People Together

God gathers his people together from the far ends of the earth, even those whose faith is weak and hesitant. For he is a saving God and a Father.

Second Reading (Heb 5:1-6) Jesus, The New High Priest

God himself has chosen our Saviour Jesus as the new high priest. Jesus offered himself for our sins.

Gospel (Mk 10:46-52) Lord, That I May See!

Jesus makes a blind man see again. This man is the image of every Christian; we must learn to see with eyes of faith to follow Jesus.

Weekly letter

“A new translation – some personal thoughts”

I'm sure I wasn't the only person to receive the news that we were to have a new lectionary for the readings at Mass with a sinking heart. “Oh no, not changing everything again!” almost as if it was a plot by “them” to make my life more difficult and unsettle me. It's funny how change can do that – bring on an automatic negative response! So I'd like to suggest a few thoughts which might help.

The first thing would be to remind myself that the scriptures are always translations from ancient languages and come from different cultures to ours. Just think how differently we speak from our parents or grandparents – and think of the language and conventions that our young people use. Language is very flexible and malleable. Think of how a dialect word or phrase from one part of the country can baffle us – I have to ask for a translation of common words used by people from a

different part of this country, let alone elsewhere! So language does need to be constantly clarified and reinterpreted – because it matters that we understand, and the scriptures are God’s words to us, and they matter above all!

So a new translation offers something important. I for one will be happy no longer to talk about the prodigal son in the Gospel of Luke “beginning to feel the pinch” – a phrase that seems so dated. I will also be pleased when we have the gospel for the first Mass of Christmas where, at the moment, we read that the shepherds found “Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger” – it must have been pretty cramped. So there may be some things we are pleased with, and the new translation is designed for proclaiming aloud – rather than for study as the existing one.

The other thing is that familiarity means we often don’t get the full impact of important words – when I read different (English) translations of the scriptures I often get a new insight because a key word is different. A new translation will help all of us to get different insights, and perhaps a different understanding of the scriptures. Of course if we approach the new translation determined to be irritated by it, or upset simply because it is unfamiliar, we are unlikely to benefit much, but if we approach it recognising that here we have literally “The Word of the Lord” and embrace it as such, we might find further riches there.

May God bless all of us in this parish and may we pray for one another as we gather together to hear the Word of the Lord!

Fr Robert

Prayers of the faithful

Twenty ninth Sunday Ordinary Time B

We pray for the church throughout the world: we pray for the shepherds of the church – especially Bishop-elect Philip - entrusted by the Lord with teaching God's faithful people.

We pray for those in our world who live in places where hunger, violence and disease threaten life each day. 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 have need of our prayers, and for our families, our friends, our neighbours and all those known to us, we pray especially for the sick and housebound of the parish.

We pray for ourselves that we may be confident in living our faith and sharing it with others.

We pray for those who have died: that they may see the face of God.

Sunday Readings – a brief reflection

Sunday 20th October

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Is 53:10-11 Ps 32 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

The passage we have from the Letter to the Hebrews today is one full of encouragement – presumably addressed to a Christian community that had its struggles – as do all Christian communities. It is noteworthy that the author asserts that Jesus, though sinless “has been tempted in every way that we are.” The author has already insisted that Jesus is like his brothers and sisters in all things, and that even includes all manner of temptation. It is normal for Christians to feel that their own weaknesses, failures and sins are very particular and a very personal burden: the idea that Christ has experienced those specific temptations, and therefore can identify very particularly with each individual person should be a cause of great encouragement. When one can identify with the weakness of another, it is far easier to have sympathy and be able to forgive. That is what is insisted upon here: “it is not as if we had a high priest incapable of feeling our weakness with us.” This is not an image of some generic “magic wand” getting rid

of all that is bad; it is a picture of a personal encounter between two where one totally understands the situation of the other who comes to find mercy and grace.

It is worth noting that the use of the word “priest” in the Christian sense is always tied into the language used in the Letter to the Hebrews. Here is where the word is first used to apply to Christ as **the** high priest, and all subsequent Christian development of the idea of a Christian ministerial priesthood originates from here. The gospel reminds us that priesthood – like all Christian ministry – is about service.

For reflection:

*How do you understand Jesus as “the great high priest”?
It what ways do you think that you “serve” your brothers and sisters?*

Please note services in church this week:

Communion Service on Wednesday & Friday at 10.00am

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 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.

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.

Confirmation - are you going to be 14yrs old next Easter?

As usual we will be starting confirmation preparation soon for young people who will be fourteen next Summer Term. The confirmation preparation will be done jointly with all the schools in Sherborne. If you are interested, please contact *Deacon Jonathan Simon on 01935 873100 or email jonathan.simon@prcdtr.org.uk*.

Holy Communion - any parent who wishes their child/children to make their First Holy Communion in the summer of 2025, please come and sign up.

The sessions are on Fridays at 4pm until 5.15pm during term time, for children who will be 8 years old before June 2025.

Contact:

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or the Parish office : 812021

email : sherborne@prcdtr.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Rosary – There will be a family Rosary this evening, Friday 18th October at 5pm. This will be child friendly but open to all - our new Holy Communion children will be joining us.

[Craft Club in the church hall on Saturday 26th October 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.

Notices:

From the Plymouth Diocesan office:

Assisted Suicide Bill Resources

The CBCEW website has been updated with a raft of resources for your people to be informed regarding the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. This link will take you to the relevant page on the website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Oppose Assisted Suicide - Catholic Bishops' Conference

We are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide.

www.cbcew.org.uk

Please find a link here to a special edition diocesan newsletter, which includes important information about Bishop Philip Moger's installation.

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/t/t-7B291EAF23BD8E0F2540EF23F30FEDED>

You are warmly invited to sign up here to receive future newsletters, which will include pastoral letters from Bishop Philip:

<https://email.workwithgusto.co.uk/h/t/A561A3216C433494>

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal using the link below, and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter. Thank you.

[CAFOD - Catholic international development charity](#)

World Day of Prayer

The next World Day of Prayer will be held in Sherborne at the Sacred Heart & St Aldhelm Church on 7th March 2025. Sherborne Churches Together used to run this every year, but it has not taken place since Covid. We would like 1 or 2 volunteers from each church to jointly organise this for 2025, with a view to holding this event annually in different churches around Sherborne. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Jonathan Simon at jonathan.simon@prcdtr.org.uk or phone on 01935 873100.

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.

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HALL BOOKINGS: Please email or phone the Office