

# Welcome to our Catholic Church

“Dear friends, today let us pray that the Church will always be a school of humility for everyone, a home where all are welcome, a place where rivalries are set aside and where Jesus still speaks to us and teaches us to imitate his own humility and freedom.”

by Pope Leo in St Peter's Square, 31st August 2025



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"May the church be the place of God's mercy and love, where everyone can feel themselves welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel."

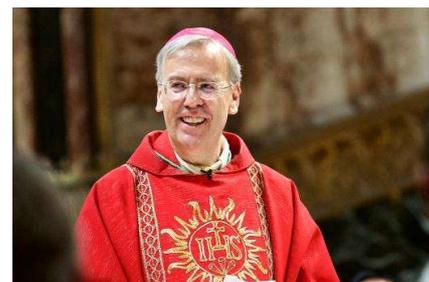
by Pope Francis on June 12th 2023  
(continuing a series of meditations on the church)



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*(Insert a welcome by the Bishop)*

by Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Bishop of Plymouth.



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It is good to welcome you to St. Catherine's Parish, Wimborne and to commend Fr. Darline Joseph to you. St. Catherine's is part of the Dorset Deanery and as the Dean of Dorset, to encourage you to join in the various activities both Catholic and ecumenical that happen across the deanery. I look forward to meeting many of you in the future.

by Dean of Dorset, Canon John Webb.



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I am pleased to welcome you warmly to Saint Catherine's RC Church, Wimborne. Our Parish is part of Plymouth diocese, well known for natural beauty and historical importance. Ours is a vibrant parish with 40 different groups. You are most welcome to be part of one or many of them, which I am sure will nourish your spiritual and social wellbeing. You will very soon come to learn (if not already), that the Catholic Church/faith in Wimborne has been active in an unbroken line since 350 AD and has been the home of Saint Lioba (710 AD) and Saint Cuthburga (725 AD).

by St Catherine's Parish Priest, Fr Darline Joseph.

