

**PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST JOSEPH**

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Saturday	7 <sup>TH</sup>	6.00 PM	LULWORTH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Mass Bk p158 Cr 12 Pr Sam W p72 EPII p25	
Sunday	8 <sup>TH</sup>	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		Alan Clarkson RIP
Tuesday	10 <sup>TH</sup>	9.00AM	SWANAGE		
Wednesday	11 <sup>TH</sup>	10.00 AM	WOOL		
Thursday	12 <sup>TH</sup>	10.00 AM	WAREHAM		
Friday	13 <sup>TH</sup>	9.00AM	SWANAGE		Ken Lander RIP
Saturday	14 <sup>TH</sup>	6.00 PM	WAREHAM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
Sunday	15 <sup>TH</sup>	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		

**CONFESSIONS: SWANAGE :** Friday after Mass (not Tuesday) **WOOL** Wednesday at 10.30am;

**WAREHAM: THURSDAY 10.30 am LULWORTH/WAREHAM:** before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment.

**Please pray** for the sick and housebound: Maureen Lyons, Jackie Riley, Dot Bonfield, Greta Marshallsay, Irena Giusta, Wayne Axon, Fr Jon.

**SWANAGE PRAYER GROUP:** after mass Friday (9.45 a.m. if no mass) saying the rosary for peace and for other intentions. Contact Pat Lancaster 07917477313.

**ST EDWARD'S WAREHAM ROSARY GROUP:** Thursday evenings 7:30 pm. Contact Vikki Smith 07855166883 [vikki.smith97@gmail.com](mailto:vikki.smith97@gmail.com) for more info or for prayer intentions.

**EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER DURING LENT AT WAREHAM:**

Stations of the Cross: Fridays 6pm from 20th Feb - 3rd April.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturday 21st March 9:30 - 10:30am.

Church open Sunday afternoons as possible. 'Church open for prayer' signs will be outside church and on Shatters Hill when open.

**WOOL** Social/Coffee at 10.30 Wednesday.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ST EDWARD:** TODAY, MARCH 8TH, then 15th and 22nd, at 3pm. All welcome. Please volunteer to lead one week. HOLY HOUR with Adoration, Confessions, Benediction on Palm Sunday 29th March.

**THE WORD THIS WEEKEND**

First Reading (Ex 17:3-7). The Israelites on their way from Egypt to the promised land complain because they are thirsty. God tells Moses to strike a rock with his staff and water will flow from it.

Second Reading (Rom 5:1-2,5-8). Images associated with water are also to be found also in our second reading. The ultimate revelation of God's love for us is the state of grace won for us by Jesus Christ. In pouring the water of salvation into our hearts through the Spirit while we were still sinners, God showed his inestimable love for us.

Gospel (John 4:5-42) On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to this "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have travelled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of the LORD but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

**ST EDWARD'S WAREHAM EASTER EGGS** – we are once again collecting Easter Eggs for the children of the food bank. Any size or shape will be gratefully accepted. Last year we received just over 100, which delighted children and parents alike.

**HOLY SPIRIT & ST EDWARD QUIZ:** many thanks to Dot and Marie and all who made the quiz such a success and an enjoyable morning. What event will you help organise?

**HOLY SPIRIT & ST EDWARD CAR PARK:** In order to repaint the inside of the wall beside Horsecliffe Lane the very large 'New Zealand Grass' will be removed, this will also help the parking.

**MISSION MADE POSSIBLE** has a Roadshow at St Joseph's Poole (2a Archway Road, BH14 9AZ). All welcome on Sat 14 March from 10.30 to 2.15 pm. Michele Thompson will come from Plymouth for a day to help us to PROCLAIM the Gospel message to those we meet in a totally natural way. In addition, we encourage outreach by stepping out of our comfort zones and inviting people into our churches via special team events...help and support is provided! Wouldn't it be great to hear what has been happening around the diocese? Come to St Joseph's to catch the fire of growing in mission where you are! (Croissants & refreshments provided - do bring a packed lunch to keep you going!) More information from Pippa (pippa.worth@prcdtr.org.uk) who looks forward to seeing you there!

**MILL HILL MISSIONARIES'** National Novena to St Joseph 10th-18th March: Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work at St' Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Masses daily 10.00am, Sunday 11.00am available to follow on You Tube, via the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena) . Prayer booklet available on request (donation suggested) [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com). See the website for more information.

**LENT STATION MASSES** – with Bishop Nicholas - 27<sup>th</sup> March 6pm at Dorchester. 28<sup>th</sup> March 11am at St Mary's Poole.