

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

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**PARISH OF SWANAGE**

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Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 PM	LULWORTH	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Mass Bk p170 Cr p11 Pref Lazarus p72 EPII p25	Birthday intention(DE)
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 AM	SWANAGE		Lionel Lander RIP
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	WOOL	<b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>	
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	WAREHAM		
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00AM	SWANAGE		
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 PM	WAREHAM	PALM/PASSION SUNDAY	
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		

**CONFESSIONS: SWANAGE** : Tuesday at 9.30 **WOOL: WEDNESDAY** at 10.30 **WAREHAM: THURSDAY** 10.30 am

**WOOL: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 4pm; **WAREHAM: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 5pm or by appointment.

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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ST EDWARD:** TODAY, MARCH 22nd, at 3pm. All welcome.

A miniature pilgrimage to meditate on God's love for us and on our response in our daily lives

**HOLY HOUR** WITH ADORATION CONFESSIONS AND BENEDICTION on Palm Sunday 29th March. 3pm at Swanage.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Wareham - 11th April and 9th May 9am-12pm.

We return to 1st Saturday of the month in June.

Church will be open on Sunday afternoons as possible with 'church open for prayer' signs outside.

Spring clean of St Edward's Wareham on 21st March after Adoration. Jobs to do inside and outside the church. Please do come and help if you are able. Refreshments will be provided.

**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.

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

**LENT STATION MASSES** celebrated by Bishop Nicholas. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at **6pm** (NB time change) at Holy Trinity, Dorchester, and 28<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at St Mary's Poole. The Dorchester Mass is followed by a reception at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road North. There is no parking at the church in High West Street, use one of the town car parks.

**CONFESSION BEFORE EASTER** – if there are any housebound parishioners who would like Fr Tim to visit before Easter to hear their confession, can you please let him or an extraordinary minister know.

**HOLY SPIRIT & ST EDWARD REPOSITORY:** did you know that in the glass cabinet there are cards for Easter and other special occasions, also prayer books and devotional items for sale?

**THE WORD THIS WEEKEND** First Reading (Ezek. 37:12-14). God reveals his plan to restore the exiled Israelites to their own land, restoring them, as it were, from death to life. This is through Ezekiel's vision of God's Spirit giving new life to dead bones. God raises his own people to new life and hope through Jesus and will enliven us forever at the end of time.

Responsorial Psalm (130:1-8) The “De profundis” (Out of the depths). A prayer of a sinner, trusting in the mercies of God. With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

Second Reading (Rom. 8:8-11). Paul reminds his readers that, because they have the Spirit of God within them, they must lead a new kind of life and are guaranteed eternal life. The Holy Spirit gives to us that new kind of life, a life of love and freedom to give oneself in the service of others and of God because the Trinity dwells within us.

Gospel (John 11:1-45) Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. As we move closer to Easter, today’s reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders’ growing animosity toward Jesus. Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus’ obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus’s resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus. The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha’s sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus’s tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus’ death. Set against the backdrop of Jesus’ impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus’ own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus’s tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus’ tomb.

**SECURITY ALERT for KEY HOLDERS** - St Joseph’s Wool. Please ensure that you LOCK the front door of the church when leaving the building. Last week the church was left open on two occasions overnight! Please do not attempt to have duplicate keys cut or share your key with anyone. If you no longer require a key, please return your key to Andrew McCarthy, who will amend our records. Thank you.

**“EVERYBODY HAS TO KEEP THE DOOR OPEN TO PEACE”** [Speaking about the war in Iran] Bishop Jim Curry, [Lead Bishop for the Holy Land for the Bishops’ Conference] called to mind the innocent victims who are inevitably trapped and left in a position of powerlessness.

... “there is a misplaced concern for power over the sanctity of life.

...I was very struck by the words of Cardinal Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State, who criticised the US and Israeli strikes as undermining international law, saying that ‘might’ has replaced ‘justice’.

.... The wounds that will be inflicted by this conflict will exacerbate the wounds that already exist in the region – the mistrust that already exists. So when this war ends, and it will end as all wars end, there has to be a rebuilding of civic structures. There has to be a rebuilding of trust among peoples.

.... Everybody has to keep the door open to reconciliation, to understanding the other,

.... This is a role we can all play through respectful conversations, encounter and dialogue, beginning in our own communities ...

Peace is ‘active’ – it’s not the absence of war. Peace is promoting dialogue. Peace is getting to know the other. Peace is always seeking the good of the other. That is always the vocation of the Christian in any circumstance.”

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP NICHOLAS:.....** In these days of escalating war in the Middle East, Pope Leo calls us also to have a heart for peace and dialogue. As the conflict threatens, tragically, to intensify between now and Easter, Pope Leo urges us to redouble our prayers for peace and reconciliation between the nations. Part of that prayer should be a resolution, a resolve, to be, in our turn, men and women of peace and dialogue in our homes and parishes and places of work.

We “lift up our hearts” to Him this Lent, asking Him to create in us ever purer hearts with which to hail Him with Hosannas on Palm Sunday.’