

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST JOSEPH

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St Edward King & Martyr: Shatters Hill, Wareham – BH20 4QP**St Mary's Chapel:** Lulworth Castle Park, East Lulworth – BH20 5QS**PARISH OF SWANAGE**

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| SAT | 5TH APR | 6.00 PM | LULWORTH | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C | |
| SUN | 6TH | 9.00 AM 11.00 AM | SWANAGE WOOL | Mass Bk p176 Creed p12 Pr Lent I p70 Euch Pr II p25 | |
| NO MASSES 8TH – 11TH APRIL | | | | | |
| SAT | 12TH | 6.00 PM | WAREHAM | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Palm Procession starts outside or in hall Mass Bk p184 Creed p12 Pr p73 EPII p25 | |
| SUN | 13TH | 9.00 AM 11.00 AM | SWANAGE WOOL | | |
| | | 3.00 PM | SWANAGE | HOLY HOUR Adoration, Confessions, Benediction | |
| TUE | 15TH | 9.00 AM | SWANAGE | Tuesday of Holy Week | |
| WED | 16TH | | | NO MASS (Chrism Mass) | |
| THE EASTER TRIDUUM | | | | | |
| HOLY THURSDAY | 17TH APRIL | 7.00 PM | SWANAGE | MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Mass Bk p199 Pr p73 EPI p18 Volunteers needed for foot washing | |
| GOOD FRIDAY | 18TH APRIL | 11.30 AM | CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE - Swanage Bandstand CHURCHES TOGETHER WALK OF WITNESS in WOOL; | | |
| | | 11.30 AM | ST JOSEPH'S: 12 NOON – METHODIST CHAPEL; 12.30 – HOLY ROOD | | |
| | | 1.00 PM 3.30 PM | WOOL SWANAGE | GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY OF THE PASSION Mass Bk P204 | |
| HOLY SATURDAY | 19TH APRIL | 11.00 AM 8.30 PM | SWANAGE WOOL | Swieconka (Polish Food Blessing) THE EASTER VIGIL Mass Bk p223 OT Readings and Psalms 3-6 pp232-37 Epistle p240 Renewal of Baptism Promises p247 Pr Easter I p74 EPI p18 | |
| EASTER SUNDAY | 20TH APRIL | 6.00 AM 8.00 AM 9.30 AM 11.00 AM | SWANAGE LULWORTH WAREHAM SWANAGE | SUNRISE SERVICE – Bango Jetty THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Mass book p252 Renewal of Baptism Promises p247 Pr Easter 1 p74 EP1p18 Leslie & Mako Harriot (Reception in the church and Confirmation) | |

CONFESSIONS - Saturday 12th April 4.30pm at WOOL and 5.15pm at Wareham. Tuesday 14th April 9.30am at Swanage

Please pray for the sick and housebound: Wayne Axon, Maureen Lyons, Jackie Riley, Greta Marshallsay, Liz and Bernard White. **RIP** Kevin Terence "Joe" Coleman
We pray for Candidates for the Sacraments (especially those preparing in Swanage for Reception, Confirmation and First Holy Communion):

For those called to the sacraments, that they may find joy in the love of the Lord.

For all who walk alongside the candidates, for catechists, sponsors, may they be generous in faith and caring in support.

SWANAGE PRAYER GROUP: after mass Friday (9.45 a.m. if no mass) Contact Pat Lancaster 07917477313**ST EDWARD'S WAREHAM ROSARY GROUP:** Thursday evenings 7:30 pm. Contact Vikki Smith 07855166883 (vikki.smith97@gmail.com) No rosary 17th April**Stations of the Cross** Fridays at 6pm (7th March until Good Friday)**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Saturdays 9:30-10:30am (8th March until 12th April).**WOOL Social/Coffee** on Wednesdays at 10.30am

NEW NOTICE BOARD The Wareham area men's shed have now completed and erected the new larger noticeboard for the sacristy end of the church. They have done a wonderful job helping to beautify and make the outside of the church more informative with the planters, signboard and new noticeboards. There will be an appeal for donations towards their time and labour during Eastertide and there will be a thank you card at the back of the church for anyone who would like to sign / comment.

SWANAGE WINDOW REPAIRS – please take care around the scaffolding for the main window. No access to choir loft until about the end of May.
SWANAGE CAR PARKING PERMITS – on sale for £25. Please park carefully within the marked spaces.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH will be closed for a pre-Easter clean on Thursday 10th April. Please do not visit the church so that the cleaning company can carry out their work without interruption. Thank you.

THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21. Isaiah reminds his community that God delivered them from the slavery of Egypt and can deliver them from their present failures, leading them to the joy of becoming a community worthy of the Lord. God speaks of the great deed, of the new exodus of salvation, which he is to perform for his chosen people. This he has done through the death and resurrection of Christ.

Second Reading (Phil. 3:8-14). St. Paul assures us that the new life God wishes to give us, the life we share with the risen Christ, comes to us as a free gift from God through faith, and not through our own efforts. We possess the prize here, but fully in the next life. God's greatest act of liberation is the raising of Jesus from the dead. St. Paul counts all his past achievements as of no value as he reaches out in the hope of a share in this new gift of God. Nothing outweighs knowing Christ Jesus. We race forward eagerly to win the prize of his love. Having discovered Christ and the power of his resurrection, St Paul forgets his past and tends only towards his future participation in Christ's glory.

Gospel (Jn 8:1-11) Today's Gospel begins with Jesus teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. The Pharisees clearly state that according to the Law of Moses, she should be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; so to answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. So it's intended as a trap – something they will use against him.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

This is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent away to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

Cardinal to Catholics - urge your MP to vote against the deeply flawed and under-scrutinised

Bill on assisted suicide. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has written a pastoral letter urging Catholics to contact their MPs - even if they have done so already - to oppose the Bill that seeks to legalise assisted suicide. The letter will be read in the parishes of Westminster archdiocese over the weekend of 5-6 April. As well as restating the bishops' objections to the Bill in principle, Cardinal Nichols expresses his dissatisfaction regarding the "deeply flawed" parliamentary process. "It is a fundamental duty of every MP," he writes, "to ensure that legislation is not imposed on our society which has not been properly scrutinised and which will bring about damaging consequences." The bishops have asked that the Cardinal's letter be read in all parishes this weekend. Right to life has a form to contact MP <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>

CAFOD EMERGENCY MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL – collection this weekend or donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030 or text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10

COLLECTIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS - this Sunday, 6th April, after Masses at Swanage and Wool.