

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST JOSEPH

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PARISH OF SWANAGE

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Saturday	18 th	6.00 PM	LULWORTH	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass Bk P258 Cr p12 Pref East III p74 EPIII p28	Maureen Lyons
Sunday	19 th	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		
Tuesday	21 st	9.00 AM	SWANAGE	St Anselm	
Wednesday	22 nd	10.00 AM	WOOL SCHOOL	SCHOOL EASTER MASS	
Thursday	23 rd	10.00 AM	WAREHAM	ST GEORGE	
Friday	24 th	9.00AM	SWANAGE		
Saturday	25 th	6.00 PM	WAREHAM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Sunday	26 th	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		

CONFESSIONS: SWANAGE : Tuesday at 9.30 **WOOL: WEDNESDAY** at 10.30 **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.

ST EDWARD'S WAREHAM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Wareham - 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.

ST EDWARD'S WAREHAM ROSARY GROUP: Thursday evenings 7:30 pm. Contact Vikki Smith

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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.

WOOL Social/Coffee at 10.30 Wednesday.

THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

First Reading (Acts 2:14, 22-28). The first public preaching on Pentecost day of the world's most revolutionary doctrine Jesus risen from the dead. Peter uses one of the psalms (Ps. 15) to help his hearers to understand, and we use that psalm today as our responsorial psalm.

Second Reading (1 Pet. 1:17:21). Peter says Jesus was raised not just for himself, but to give us faith and hope while we 'are living away from [our] home', i.e. heaven.

Gospel (Luke 24:13-35). On Easter Sunday, two disciples, disconsolate after the events of Good Friday and not understanding the meaning of the tomb being empty, have the experience of meeting the risen Jesus in the breaking of bread.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them. Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience

and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & ST EDWARD CAR PARKING PERMITS are for sale today £25.00 per vehicle.

RED BOX DONATIONS, including direct donations for the parish of Swanage, for 2025 was £1846.17 which was the second highest for the diocese after Weymouth. A big thank you to all.

Next Sunday 26th April is Vocations Sunday: there will be a retiring collection for Bishop Christopher's Jubilee Fund for Seminarians.

"URBI ET ORBI" Message Of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV Easter 5 April 2026

...Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred... how?

...Christ, our "victorious King... walked the path of dialogue to the very end, not in words but in deeds: to find us who were lost, he became flesh; to free us who were slaves, he became a slave; to give life to us mortals, he allowed himself to be killed on the cross.

The power with which Christ rose is entirely non-violent... It is ... like that of a human heart which, wounded by an offence, rejects the instinct for revenge and, filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offence.

... Christ's resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity... where justice, freedom, and peace reign, where all recognise one another as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father who is Love, Life, and Light.

... we can be filled with hope and wonder...

Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! ...imposed... through dialogue... with the desire ... to encounter them!

..."I leave you peace; I give you my peace. Not as the world gives it, I give it to you" (Jn 14:27). The peace that Jesus gives ... touches and transforms the heart of each one of us! ...

... implore the Lord to grant his peace to a world ravaged by wars and marked by a hatred and indifference that makes us feel powerless in the face of evil. To the Lord we entrust all hearts that suffer and await the true peace that only he can give. Let us entrust ourselves to him and open our hearts to him! He is the only one who makes all things new (cf. Rev 21:5).

POPE LEO XIV REGINA CAELI 12 APRIL 2026

...[On] Divine Mercy Sunday the Gospel recounts the appearance of the risen Jesus to the Apostle Thomas... reflect on our own encounter with the risen Jesus. Where can we find him? How can we recognise him? How can we believe?

... For this reason, on the "eighth day" — that is, every Sunday — [we]: gather together and celebrate the Eucharist. During Mass, we listen to the words of Jesus, we pray, we profess our faith, we share God's gifts in charity, we offer our lives in union with the Sacrifice of Christ. His Body and Blood nourish us, so that we too may become witnesses of his Resurrection, as indicated by the term "Mass," which means "sending forth," or "mission" ...

... there that our faith grows and is strengthened... that our efforts, though limited, are united by God's grace to the actions of the members of a single body — the Body of Christ — for the accomplishment of a single great plan of salvation that embraces all humanity. It is through the Eucharist that our hands become "the hands of the Risen One," giving witness to his presence, mercy and peace. The signs of work, sacrifice, illness and the passing of the years are often etched into our hands, just as they are in the tenderness of a caress, a handshake, or a gesture of charity.

... be steadfast and faithful in our Eucharistic encounter with the risen Lord [be] witnesses of charity and messengers of reconciliation. May the Virgin Mary help us to do this, she who is blessed because she was the first to believe without seeing (cf. Jn 20:29).