

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST JOSEPH

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HOLY SATURDAY 19TH APRIL	8.30 PM	WOOL	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 18	
EASTER SUNDAY 20TH APRIL	8.00 AM 9.30 AM 11.00 AM	LULWORTH WAREHAM SWANAGE	THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Mass book p252 Renewal of Baptism Promises p247 Pr Easter I p74 EPI p18	Philomena Stevens RIP Leslie & Mako Harriott reception into Full Communion/Confirmation
TUES 22ND	9.00 AM	SWANAGE	EASTER OCTAVE	
WEDS 23RD	10.00 AM	WOOL	EASTER OCTAVE	
THURS 24TH	10.00 AM	WAREHAM	EASTER OCTAVE	
FRI 25TH	9.00 AM	ST Mary's Sch SWANAGE	EASTER OCTAVE	
SAT 26TH	6.00 PM	WAREHAM	SCHOOL EASTER MASS	
SUN 27TH	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL	OCTAVE DAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	
CONFESSIONS: SWANAGE: Tuesday 9.30 am - WOOL: Wednesday 10.30am. WAREHAM: Thursday 10.30 am – LULWORTH/WAREHAM: before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment.				

Please pray for the sick and housebound:

Wayne Axon, Maureen Lyons, Jackie Riley, Greta Marshallsay, Bernard and Liz White.

RIP Diane Jennings.

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) for more info or for prayer intentions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Edward's Wareham - Saturday 3rd May 9am -

Happy EASTER to everyone! A big Thank You to all who have done so much to make our churches ready, and for taking part in the Sacred Paschal Triduum and our Easter celebration.

A warm welcome to all our visitors. We hope that you enjoy your stay in Purbeck. Thank you for your donations to keep our buildings useable.

Easter Offering: The collection today is your Easter gift to Fr Tim to say thank you for all his time and work. If you are registered for gift aid and want to increase your gift but do not have a numbered envelope, write your name or your gift aid number with your initials on an envelope. At Swanage cashless donations can include gift aid. You can also take away an Easter Offering envelope and put it in the collection next week.

During Eastertide we pray: For new members of the Church, may they grow in love and understanding. For priests, deacons, teachers and catechists and all who form people in faith, may they deepen their own faith through those whom they meet.

We pray especially today for Leslie and Mako Harriott. They have been preparing for this day over many months. Today, Easter Sunday, at the Swanage 11am Mass they become one with us through reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, Confirmation, and Holy Communion.

The Rite takes place after the Homily. They are called forward with their sponsor and make the Baptismal Profession with us all. Following the Sprinkling with Holy Water, they make their own individual profession, and are received then confirmed with the Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Holy Chrism.

Then later they receive Holy Communion. Pray also for their family, two of the children have recently been baptised, and Mako has a son preparing for First Holy Communion.

Holy Spirit and St Edward window repairs: Please take care around the scaffolding for the main window. There is no access to the choir loft, until about the end of May after the windows have been replaced. Please be patient, although you may not see people working we do need to keep the scaffolding up during this period. In the case of need follow the instructions of the fire warden to leave by the main door or the back door.

WOOL FUNDRAISING UPDATE

A date has been set for the Parish Fete this year Saturday 12th July. Please help in any way you can. Any new ideas for stalls and help

Thank You for your generosity: for the recent collections for Myanmar and for church flowers.

GREAT BIG DIOCESAN QUIZ - This year's Great Big Diocesan Quiz will be held on Friday, 9 May 2025 and we hope to take part in this from St Edward's Wareham. Please speak to Vikki, Colin, Sherryl or Pascal if you would like to be involved in a fun evening and raise much needed funds for our local catholic children's society.

VACANCY IN THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH - We have a vacancy for a Parish Secretary role at Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Cecilia in Blandford Forum - please see notice for more information.

THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

First Reading (Acts 10:34, 37-43). Peter preached the good news to the Roman centurion Cornelius and his household. He did so as a witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Second Reading (1 Cor. 5:6-8). The death and resurrection of Christ mean a new departure for man on the way to God. To set out on this way we need to remove from our lives whatever is old, whatever is dead and whatever is false.

Gospel (Luke 24:1-12 Vigil and Day). Each of the four Gospels reports the discovery of the empty tomb after Jesus' death. At the Easter Vigil each year, we read from one of the Synoptic Gospels. This year we are in Lectionary Cycle C and we read from the Gospel of Luke. This gospel can also be used as an alternative to John on Easter Sunday morning. In each of the four Gospels, we learn that it was the female followers of Jesus who first went to the tomb. Luke reports that the women from Galilee go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, bringing with them the spices they had prepared. Luke names three women who found the tomb empty: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary, the mother of James.

Upon arriving at the tomb, the women find that the stone has been rolled away from the entrance. They enter the tomb but do not see the body of Jesus. Before the women have drawn any conclusions about this, they see two men dressed in dazzling garments. The women are said to be terrified. When these men speak to the women, they announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead. As if to prove their announcement, the men recall Jesus' own words to them. The women leave the tomb and report to the others what they have seen and heard. These women disciples were faithful followers of Jesus who had probably served Jesus in many ways during his journeys. Luke tells us that they remained present with Jesus on his way to the crucifixion site and witnessed his death. They came to the tomb that morning expecting to serve Jesus once again by anointing his body. Instead, they were sent to minister in a different way, as messengers to Peter and the apostles. Yet the apostles do not believe the women. Luke reports that the women's story seemed like nonsense. It is odd that Peter goes to the tomb at all. Perhaps Peter knew these women well enough to give their story credence. Perhaps he remembered something that Jesus had said that led him to hope that the women's story was more than nonsense. Without explaining why, Luke tells us that Peter goes to the tomb to investigate the women's story. He looks into the tomb, sees the burial cloths alone, and then goes home amazed. We see in Luke's Gospel that the Twelve (who now number eleven because of Judas' betrayal) are identified as separate from the other disciples. These men were identified as Jesus' inner circle; they hold a position of authority in the community of disciples.

Peter is singled out from among the Twelve. The authority of Peter and the other apostles will continue to be described in the Acts of the Apostles, which was written by the author of the Gospel of Luke. We can trace our faith in Jesus' Resurrection to these witnesses. Their teaching, their ministry, and their bold proclamation of Christ's saving death and Resurrection are the beginning of the Church's witness to salvation through Christ.

At his homily at the Chrism Mass on 15th April Cardinal Nichols said: ... let us keep our eyes on Jesus as our sole Lord and Master. Without a deep, personal relationship with him, we are lost, left without the one true foundation, the one essential source of nourishment. This closeness to the Lord is about intimacy, standing open before the Lord, with a simple gaze, given and received, conveying our love for him and his unwavering love, his encouraging embrace, his flow of compassion and his restoring forgiveness. Unless this is in the heart of each one of us – and of you all, my sisters and brothers – the particular challenges that face us, in this time and place, will surely overwhelm us at some point. Jesus alone is our rock and our salvation.