

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

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Saturday	25 <sup>TH</sup>	6.00 PM	WAREHAM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass Bk p2 Cr p11 Pr East III p74 EPII p25	
Sunday	26 <sup>TH</sup>	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		Michael Cryer RIP
Tuesday	28 <sup>TH</sup>	9.00AM	SWANAGE		Holy Souls
Wednesday	29 <sup>TH</sup>	10.00AM	WOOL	St Catherine of Siena VDr	
Thursday	30 <sup>TH</sup>	10.00 AM	WAREHAM		
Friday	1 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	9.00AM	SWANAGE	St Joseph the Worker	
Saturday	2 <sup>ND</sup>	6.00 PM	LULWORTH	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Birthday Intention CE
Sunday	3 <sup>RD</sup>	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		

**CONFESSIONS: SWANAGE** : Tuesday at 9.30am **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, Vernon Welch, 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.

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

**ADORATION** at ST EDWARD'S Wareham on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 9am until Noon

**ADORATION TODAY** (Sunday) at Swanage – HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS AND FOR PEACE - 3pm

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

**TODAY** THERE IS A COLLECTION FOR BISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S JUBILEE FUND FOR SEMINARIANS: it is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. To gift aid your donation please use an envelope.

We Pray: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life; may we be open to God's call.

For priests and religious; may their lives bear fruit in plenty.

**MASS BOOK MEMORIAL BOOKPLATES** – Parish Mass Books appeal. New books have arrived and we begin using them on Trinity Sunday 31st May. Each Mass Book costs £5 – about £30 per parishioner in total for the full three year cycle. Large Print ones are £15. Please donate and receive a bookplate to help pay for the books. The bookplate is self-adhesive, has the words "Pray for them" and room to write in names or intentions of your choice. We would really like people to try and donate 'over and above' their regular giving. Our suggested donation is £5 a bookplate – but this of course your decision – any funds raised are very welcome. If you are registered for gift aid you can put a donation in an envelope with your name and 'Gift Aid' on it, or in Swanage use the cashless terminal. Place your completed bookplates and donation in the box/basket or in Swanage use the cashless terminal. We will attach the plates, so they are consistently applied. Thank you.

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

**29TH APRIL** IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, and PATRON OF EUROPE: we pray:

For a deepening of knowledge and understanding of our common heritage of faith.

For an openness to the stranger and a care for their needs.

## THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41 Saint Peter's proclamation of the Easter message leads the people to repentance and to seek the gift of salvation that is offered to them in Jesus. So in one day, Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

Responsorial Psalm 23:1-6 The Lord is my shepherd.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20b-25 More from Saint Peter in the epistle - about the patience of Christ our shepherd as a means of encouraging the churches to remain strong and united in the midst of severe trials.

Gospel Reading John 10:1-10 This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Remember these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels on the 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees. Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel on this Vocations Sunday also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

## MAKING PEACE A REALITY: POPE LEO IN CAMEROON.

Cameroon was the second of the four countries visited by the Pope between 10th and 23rd April.

Archbishop Fuanya, President of the Episcopal Conference of Cameroon, spoke about his visit [in a place of armed conflict].

".... He came here with a very strong message ... he came here determined to give us part of the social teaching of the church. We heard it. ...

The message of the Holy Father was very timely, both to the youth and to the authorities of the state: try to invest in the youth as the hope of the future of every country....

The Pope also appealed to those in positions of power, and told them not to forget about their responsibility towards the less fortunate.

...Therefore, social work that the Church does, and creating employment for our young people, is something very, very important.

Above all, we must take the common good into consideration as our basic line of action. We must ask what is good for all Cameroonians - not what is good for my tribe or for my friends. ...

.... We have all clapped. We are all happy. What next? That question is very important for all of us ... he was talking about the time for peace being now, not tomorrow. ... If the time of peace is now, how do we make that now happen? ... to make sure that the words of the Pope don't get wasted.

... the visit has already started bearing fruit, and that the fruit will continue."

**WOOL HAZARD WARNING** Members of the congregation who access the sanctuary at St Joseph's (Sacristans, Readers, Flower Arrangers, Cleaners, Servers), please be aware of a trip hazard where the marble step adjoins the quarry stone tiles at the front of the sanctuary. Readers should exercise caution when stepping up and down going to and leaving the lectern! A member of the congregation recently tripped and fell off the step. Fortunately, someone was present to help. **WORKING ALONE in the church is NOT RECOMMENDED!**