

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

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**PARISH OF SWANAGE**

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**SECOND WEEK OF EASTERTIDE**

SAT	26TH APR	6.00 PM	WAREHAM	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YR C</b> <b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> Mass Bk p256 Creed p12 Pr Easter I p74 EPI p18
SUN	27TH	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL	
TUES	29 <sup>TH</sup>	9.00 AM	SWANAGE	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA
WEDS	30 <sup>TH</sup>	10.00 AM	WOOL	Requiem Mass for Pope Francis
THURS	1 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	10.00 AM	WAREHAM	St Joseph the Worker
FRI	2 <sup>ND</sup>	9.00 AM	SWANAGE	St Athanasius
SAT	3 <sup>RD</sup>	6.00 PM	LULWORTH	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YR C</b>
SUN	4 <sup>TH</sup>	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL	

**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.

**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.

St Catherine of Siena 29th April: (Patron of EUROPE) - For a deepening of knowledge and understanding of our common heritage of faith. For an openness to the stranger and care for their needs.

St Joseph the Worker, 1st May: For all who work, may they earn a just wage and be treated with dignity. For the stewardship of the earth's resources, so that all may benefit for generations to come.

**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 - Saturday 3rd May 9am - 12.

**WOOL SOCIAL** Wednesday at 10.30am

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.

**Easter Offering:** If you were away last week and want to make an Easter gift to Fr Tim to say thank you for all his time and work you can put an Easter Offering envelope in the collection this week. 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 the envelope.

### **POPE FRANCIS RIP** - Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols 'Thought for the Day', BBC Radio 4: ... The death of Pope Francis takes from us a voice has been heard in every corner of the world: a voice of warm encouragement and sharp challenge, expressing both love of God and love of our shared humanity.

He had a single focus in life: to do the will of God, as it was given to him in the Catholic Church and in honouring the summons to holiness which touches every human heart. ...He taught that our best way of life is one of loving mercy, received and given. For we know the mercy of God outweighs the burden of our faults.

... [for] young people...: 'If you want to be a sign of hope, go and talk to your grandparents.'

...for those on the margins of society ...: 'If you want to know how successful your economy is, go and speak with an unemployed person.'

...[to] those imprisoned in slavery and suffering other terrible forms of abuse...: 'These are gaping wounds in the flesh of humanity, wounds in the flesh of Christ himself.'

This voice, filled with compassion, mercy, and righteous indignation, is now silent, for a more authoritative voice has spoken, that of his heavenly Father, calling him home, to be with his Lord and Master for ever. ... Pope Francis died in the light of the brightly burning Paschal candle, the symbol of the risen Christ. In this hope he lived, in this light he has died. Its promise will be fulfilled.

It is for us to continue this task: to make humanity great: great in strength of service, great in depth of compassion and great in richness of generosity. These are the measures of true greatness.

May Pope Francis, beloved of so many, rest in peace.

**MESSAGE FROM SWANAGE URC** - we have been sent a card from the URC in Swanage, offering our Catholic community condolences on the death of the Pope.

**An Evening Talk with Helen Calder on Retiring Well.** All are welcome to come and join Caritas Diocese of Plymouth at St Catherine's Church, Wimborne on Wednesday 7th May 7pm-9pm, to listen and share experiences on the opportunities we have to share our gifts as we age. To register and for more information click: <https://forms.office.com/e/pVWEABhhDX>

### THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

First Reading *Acts 5:12-16* Peter and the apostles perform many signs and wonders.

Responsorial *Psalms 118:2-4,13-15,22-24* A song of thanks and praise to the Lord. His mercy endures for ever.

Second Reading *Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19* John describes the instruction he received to write down his vision.

Gospel Reading *John 20:19-31* Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.