

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

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Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 PM	WAREHAM	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass bk p268 Cr p12 Pr Easter IV p74 EPII p25	
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 AM	SWANAGE		
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00PM</b>	<b>WOOL</b>	<b>VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION</b> Mass bk p271-274 Cr p12 Pr Ascension I p75 EPI p18	<b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00AM 11.00AM</b>	<b>SWANAGE WAREHAM</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> Mass bk p272-274 Cr p12 Pr Ascension I p75 EPI p18	
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00AM	SWANAGE		
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 PM	LULWORTH	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		

**CONFESSIONS: SWANAGE** : Tuesday at 9.30 **WOOL: WEDNESDAY** at 6.30PM before Vigil Mass (NB no morning mass). **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.

**RIP** Richard Quin from Wool (funeral on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 at Harbour View Woodland Burial Ground, Lytchett Minister)

**Also** Vernon Welch from Wareham – funeral at St Edward's on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.

Please pray for their families at this time of bereavement.

**PLEASE PRAY** for Peter Harding, from Swanage, who is preparing to be received into the Church and confirmed on Pentecost Sunday at the 9am Mass.

**ST EDWARD'S WAREHAM** - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Wareham - 1st Saturday of the month from 9am until Noon.

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

07855166883 [vikki.smith97@gmail.com](mailto:vikki.smith97@gmail.com) for more info or for prayer intentions.

**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.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY** is next Sunday, 17th May. The Pope's theme for the day is Preserving Human Voices and Faces.

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS** We wish you all a pleasant and relaxing stay in Purbeck. Thank you for your donations to keep our buildings useable.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ST EDWARD** Table Top Sale on Saturday 20th June, 11.00am to 2.00pm, to raise funds for the Church Building Fund. Refreshments will also be available. £10 per table. To book your table or donate good quality goods for the church table see David Newman or email him at: [newman880@hotmail.com](mailto:newman880@hotmail.com)

**MASS BOOK MEMORIAL BOOKPLATES** – New books have arrived and we begin using them on Trinity Sunday 31st May. Please donate and receive a bookplate to help pay for the books. 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. We will attach the plates. Thank you.

### **THE WORD THIS WEEKEND**

First Reading (Acts 8:5-8; 14-17). The Christian community continues to grow. The followers of Jesus continue his work. They communicate his healing power and the gift of his Holy Spirit. Philip proclaims the gospel to the Samaritans and they receive the message with joy. Their faith is then confirmed as Peter and John invoke the Holy Spirit with the laying on of hands (the Sacrament of Confirmation).

Second Reading (1 Pet 3:15-18). Christ's death and resurrection means our own death to sin and rising to a new life. This is our hope, the basis of our lives as Christians, especially in times of suffering and hardship. The early Christians are urged to overcome evil by good. They should be Christ-like in their patient suffering and in their attitude towards their opponents. They are to remain faithful in the face of persecution and to be ready to explain the reason for their hope.

Gospel (John 14:15-21) Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus. Jesus uses the term Advocate to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is Paraclete, a legal term meaning "one who offers defence for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father. In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20). Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

**ASCENSION VIGIL/DAY** (Wednesday-Thursday) The Ascension Gospel is taken from the conclusion of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel. The Great Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount. Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Great Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach. Some of the earliest baptisms were "in the name of Jesus." (see Acts 8.16) But the ending of Matthew's Gospel shows Jesus intended baptism to be performed with a trinitarian formula; so his disciples are to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.