

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST JOSEPH

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PARISH OF SWANAGE

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Saturday	16 th MAY	6.00 PM	LULWORTH	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass Bk p275 Cr p12 Pref Asc II p75 EPIII p28	Philomena Stevens RIP
Sunday	17 th	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		
Tuesday	19 th	9.00 AM	SWANAGE	St Dunstan Bp	Holy Souls
Wednesday	20 th	10.00 AM	WOOL		
Thursday	21 st	10.00 AM	WAREHAM		
Friday	22 nd	9.00AM	ST MARY'S SCHOOL	SCHOOL MASS	
Saturday	23 rd	6.00 PM	WAREHAM	PENTECOST	
Sunday	24 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.

RIP Vernon Welch. Funeral Mass 26th May at 2pm. Please pray for his family 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 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.

THE HOLY SPIRIT & ST EDWARD CHURCH: a Table Top Sale will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 20th June, from 11.00am to 2.00pm, in aid of the Church Building Fund. Refreshments will be available. Trestle tables may be booked for £10 each if you would like to sell your own items. There will also be a dedicated Building Fund table. Donations of new or nearly new items would be greatly appreciated. Collection details will be shared in future newsletters. For enquiries or table bookings, please email: stedwards001122@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY TODAY: The Pope's theme for the day is Preserving Human Voices and Faces. We pray:

For all those who work in the media; may they broadcast with truth and integrity.

For places and events that are forgotten in the news; may they be remembered in our hearts.

NEXT WEEKEND – special collection for the PLYMOUTH SECULAR CLERGY FUND (for sick and retired priests of our diocese).

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.

LAUDATO SI WEEK 17-24 MAY. This week is an opportunity to pray and reflect on how we care for our common home. Diocesan Newsletter May 2026, <https://laudatosiweek.org/resources/>

THE WORD THIS WEEKEND This Sunday between Ascension and Pentecost, prayer and waiting are dominant themes.

First Reading (Acts 1:12-14). After the Ascension there is a period of waiting. The apostles return to the room of the supper and spend their time in prayer.

Responsorial Psalm 27 "I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living". This is a profound expression of faith, highlighting the central theme of trust in God's goodness. When the psalmist, David, penned these words, he conveyed a hope that surpasses human understanding. Believing in the goodness of the Lord is like holding onto a lifeline when faced with overwhelming challenges. It tells us that faith can provide strength even in our weakest moments.

Second Reading (1 Peter 4:13-16). Those who follow Christ will suffer and will be ridiculed. If they persevere, they will have joy and gladness.

Gospel (John 17:1-11). In his prayer to the Father, Jesus recalls his life's mission. His work has glorified the Father. Now he prays that his followers will accept his work and thus glorify him.

Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between himself and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit.

In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world.

POPE LEO XIV REGINA CAELI 10 May 2026

... during the Last Supper.... Christ says: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" ...This frees us from the misconception that we are loved because we keep the commandments, ... God's love is the basis for our righteousness. Jesus' words are ...an invitation to enter into a relationship, not a blackmail or a suspicious ultimatum.

... Christ himself is the standard, the measure of true love: the love that is faithful forever, pure and unconditional... The Lord's commandments are ... a way of life that heal us from false loves. They are a spiritual lifestyle that is a path towards salvation.

... the Lord ... promises us the Paraclete, that is, the Advocate, the "Spirit of truth" (Jn 14:17). ... Those who respond to Jesus' love for all... will find in the Holy Spirit an ally who will never fail: "You know him," says Jesus, "for he dwells with you, and will be in you"...

By offering us true and eternal love, Jesus shares with us his identity as the beloved Son: "I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you" (v. 20). This all-encompassing communion of life refutes the Accuser the "father of lies" ... the Holy Spirit is the power of truth...[Jesus saves us from evil and unites us] as a people of brothers and sisters in the Church.

LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE 13 May 2026 summary: ... contemplate Mary, as model, perfect member, and as mother. Docile to the Father's will, her son's work of redemption and the promptings of the Holy Spirit, Mary is the model of what the Church is meant to be. Her unconditional "yes" shows us how to be members of the Church. As our mother by grace, she is the one to whom we can turn with filial trust, in the certainty of being heard, protected, and loved. In a special way, Mary cooperated in the work of salvation, through obedience, faith, hope, and ardent charity, to restore through her Son, the supernatural life of souls. Let us be challenged by Mary's example of humility, active faith and obedience. Let us generously respond in love, magnifying God in our hearts, and receiving strength from the sacraments. Let us ask Mary to help us be faithful disciples of her Son.