

PURBECK CATHOLIC PARISHES NEWSLETTER – 3rd October 26

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

Saturday 3 rd	6.00PM	LULWORTH	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY YR A Mass bk p137 Cr p11 Pr SOT VII p67 EPIII p27	
SUNDAY 4 th	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		Tony Adams RIP
Tuesday 6 th	9.00AM	SWANAGE		
Wednesday 7 th	10.00AM	WOOL	Our Lady of the Rosary	Harriet Cotterell RIP
Thursday 8 th	10.00AM	WAREHAM		
Friday 9 th	9.00AM	SWANAGE	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	
Saturday 10 th	6.00PM	WAREHAM	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY YR A	
SUNDAY 11 th	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		

Regular Confession times – Swanage: Tuesday 930am; Wool: Wednesday 1030am,
Wareham: Thursday 1030am, Lulworth or Wareham – before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK : Please pray for the sick and housebound: Maureen Lyons, Jackie Riley, Dot Bonfield, Greta Marshallsay, Wayne Axon, Kevin Wood. **RIP** Irena Giusta, Harriet Cotterell, Elizabeth Hilton.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – a monthly Holy Hour at St Edward's, Wareham 9 am to 10 am the first Saturday of each month. Church open all day every Sunday for private prayer.

WOOL Social/Coffee at 10.30 Wednesday.

RCIA – first meeting on Tuesday 6th October at 6pm at the Presbytery in Swanage. Any people interested in becoming Catholic would be welcome.

THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

First Reading (Isaiah 5:1-7). This is the 'Song of the Vineyard' - a song of unrequited love. It is God's lament over his unloving people. Israel is the Lord's vineyard but a vineyard that has gone bad; instead of grapes it produced only sour grapes; instead of justice and integrity only bloodshed and distress.

Second Reading (Phil 4:6-9). St Paul tells the community at Philippi that there is no need to worry. They should pray to God for any need, with thankfulness for all that he has done for them in the past.

Gospel (Matt 21: 33-43) In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten

and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his produce. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will deliver the produce. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. They would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, but they have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question, since they are the bad tenants, who are plotting to kill God's only Son. This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Retiring collection today.

As a parish, please help our global neighbours, who are experiencing shortages of food and safe water.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church for gift aid, donate online at [//cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030.



POPE LEO'S VISIT TO FRANCE 25-28 SEPTEMBER 2026 "THAT THE WORLD MAY HAVE LIFE" INCLUDED:

SPEECH AT UNESCO: What does it mean to be human?" "No education can be considered complete if it fails to address the question of life's meaning,"

VESPERS IN NOTRE DAME: This Cathedral, has been reborn so that you too may be reborn with it in a new impetus towards holiness and daily mission." [The remarkable and growing number of young people and adults seeking Baptism.]

Bring God's love to all, a love which has the power to change lives and hearts and heal the deepest of wounds: to bring light out of the darkness of ashes.

VIGIL OF [80,000] YOUNG PEOPLE: Without God, we have no salvation and we lose the meaning of our existence. ... the Eucharist, ... sustains our faith, ... Those who follow Jesus on the path of humble and selfless service are freed from anxiety and find new enthusiasm as they experience inner joy and peace. ... rooted in the certainty of the faith to which we bear witness together as the Church.

MASS IN THE PLACE DE LA CONCORDE AND THE CHAMPS ELYSEES ATTENDED BY 700,000: ... have we truly encountered Christ personally? In essence, the human person is a being of desire, and only God can fill the emptiness within us.

AT LOURDES: every human life, in whatever condition, even in the most extreme frailty, retains its inviolable dignity and deserves to be cared for, accompanied and relieved of suffering with human compassion and with the aid of the means offered by science. ...

You can live your trials and pains in this spirit of offering, and so take part in the redemptive work that the world so greatly needs

ST JOSEPH'S WOOL BUILDINGS REPORT Last week, Fr Tim & Andrew McCarthy, Site Manager at St Joseph's, took part in a meeting with Plymouth Diocesan Property and Grants officers.

The Diocesan officers will work towards obtaining the necessary permissions and applications for grant funding for the necessary works on our listed building. The listing by Historic England works favourably in grant provision. The parish does NOT hold sufficient funds to cover this work.

Our first priority is to fund the leaking Narthex roof. The condition of the roof has continued to deteriorate, resulting in the removal of one light fitting due to water ingress!

Our second concern is the upgrading of the rear emergency escape route - improving the rear ramp, provision of safety railings and tarmacking the drive access to The Square.

There is concern that the single toilet at the rear of the building does not meet the standard for disabled access and use. Broken roof lights and lead flashing above the baptistery also need addressing.