PURBECK CATHOLIC PARISHES NEWSLETTER – 24th October 26

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST JOSEPH

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

Saturday 24th	6.00PM	WAREHAM	**THIRTIETH SUNDAY YR A Mass Bk p146**	
SUNDAY 25th	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		Peter and Vera Barter RIP
NO MASSES THIS WEEK				
Saturday 31st	6.00PM	LULWORTH (5th Sat)	**ALL SAINTS' vigil**	
SUNDAY 1st NOV	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL	**ALL SAINTS' DAY**	Ned Cassidy RIP
Tuesday 3rd	9.00AM	SWANAGE	November Requiem Mass	Holy Souls
Wednesday 4th	10.00AM	WOOL	St Charles Borromeo	
Thursday 5th	10.00AM	WAREHAM		
Friday 6th	9.00AM	SWANAGE		
Saturday 7th	6.00PM	LULWORTH (1st Sat)	**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY YR A REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**	
SUNDAY 8TH	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		

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** Elizabeth Hilton.
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 AT WAREHAM – 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.
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.
RCIA – NO MEETING THIS TUESDAY 27th Oct. Next meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 3rd November at the Presbytery in Swanage – for those wishing to become Catholic.
SAVE THE DATE: The Holy Spirit & St Edward Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 21st November 11am – 2pm. More details in next week's newsletter.
WELCOME to Fr Tony Pennicott who is saying our masses this weekend.

THE WORD THIS WEEKEND
First Reading (Ex 22:21-26). The Lord tells his people that they are to help the alien in their land, for they were an alien people in Egypt. Their care must reach out to the widow and orphan, and any needy person whom they may know.
Second Reading (1 Thess 1:5-10). The community at Thessalonika imitate Paul, as he imitates Christ. Their own great faith has become an example to the rest of Greece. They have turned from a worship of idols to serve the one, true God who sent his Son Jesus to save us, and whose coming they await with hope.

Gospel (Mt 22:34-40). A lawyer questions Jesus as to the basic commandment. He sets two commands side by side, the one of love of God, the other of love of neighbour as ourselves. All the will of God revealed in Scripture hangs on these two commands.

ALL SAINTS (1st NOVEMBER)
Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.
What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

November Requiem Masses – during the month of the Holy Souls, we remember especially our parishioners and loved ones who have died – especially those who have died in the past year. If you would like a name mentioned on at one of the Requiem Masses we have the black remembrance books in all our churches, so you are welcome to write names in these books, and they will be prayed for by name. Alternatively, you can send me an email or post them to me, and I will put their names in the books.

HOLY SPIRIT & ST EDWARD CHRISTMAS FAIR – Saturday 21st November 2026 For The Buildings Fund: We would be very grateful for your support in helping to make the fair a great success. Donations of any of the following items would be most welcome, left in the boxes in the church porch: Bottles of wine, spirits and beer, books, jigsaw puzzles and games, pre-loved treasures, bric-a-brac and other saleable items, unwanted gifts, new or nearly new toys, Christmas decorations and cards, jewellery, toiletries (new and unopened only), monetary donations to help purchase raffle prizes, homemade cakes, jams and chutneys (please deliver these the day before or on the morning of the fair). Thank you for your generosity and support. Every donation, however small, helps us raise funds for essential church building repairs.

HOLY SPIRIT & ST EDWARD CHURCH: work planned for next week
1. repair wall & steps to compost area adjacent to the presbytery 27th-28th October;
2. reinstate two windows currently with Heritage Stained Glass Ltd, remove the window from the Mary Chapel for repair & maintenance, scaffold removed from west wall of the church and tower scaffold erected at the Mary Chapel. 28th - 30th October. Pedestrian access around the Mary Chapel will below a boarded platform integral to the scaffold;
3. JT Hedge & Tree Work Ltd will trim trees around the church and between church /presbytery and lower the hedge to the rear of the hall and cut back. 30th October. During the week parking will be restricted. The contractors will use the parking spaces adjacent to the presbytery garage except the space allocated for Disabled Drivers.

VATICAN CARDINAL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS SIGN 'PLEDGE FOR PEACE'… genuine interreligious dialogue requires faith, love and hope from all sides…. When people of different religions meet sincerely, they can overcome ignorance and prejudice, correct misunderstandings, and discover areas of common concern. They can work together for the peaceful resolution of conflicts, wars and violence.

… engagement in dialogue is not simply a matter of diplomacy or social politeness. It arises from the Gospel itself. Jesus teaches us to love God and to love our neighbour. The neighbour is not only the person who belongs to our own community or shares our faith convictions. The neighbour is the person whom God places before us to be loved and whose dignity we are called to recognise, respect and appreciate.

… the Christian community [in the UK is] called to build bridges rather than walls, [to] welcome rather than exclude, and … sow the seeds of love rather than the weeds of hate. Our parishes, schools and institutions should be places where people learn that religious conviction, peaceful-coexistence and respect for others belong together.