

PURBECK CATHOLIC PARISHES NEWSLETTER – 12th September 26

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A				
Saturday 12 TH	6.00PM	WAREHAM	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY YR A Mass Bk p128 Pr SOT II p66 EPIII p27	Bernard White RIP
SUNDAY 13 TH	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		Irina Giusta RIP Jayne-Marie Merchant RIP
Tuesday 15 TH	9.00AM	SWANAGE	Our Lady of Sorrows	
Wednesday 16 TH	10.00AM	WOOL	SS Cornelius and Cyprian	
Thursday 17 TH	10.00AM	WAREHAM		Rene Alford RIP
Friday 18 TH	9.00AM	SWANAGE		
Saturday 19 TH	6.00PM	LULWORTH	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY YR A	John Morrison RIP
SUNDAY 20 TH	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		

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

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 for September - Sat 19th September 9:30-10:30

Dorset historic churches trust annual ride and stride event is on Saturday 12th September 10am - 6pm. St Edward King and Martyr, Wareham will be open for this. If anyone would like to provide refreshments or take a turn to stay in the church please speak to Vikki or Kevin.

Church open all day every Sunday for private prayer.

WOOL Social/Coffee at 10.30 Wednesday.

SWANAGE PRAYER GROUP: Next meeting Friday 18th September after mass (9.45 a.m. if no mass) saying the rosary for peace and for other intentions. Contact Pat Lancaster 07917477313.

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.

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The Holy Spirit & St Edward Church: the bench in the front of the church can not be restored and it is being removed. Please offer to take on fund raising if you would like it replaced.

Today, Sunday 13th September is Education Day: For a love of learning; may we all desire to grow in our faith in God and our knowledge of the world he created.

For teachers, catechists and all who share what God has done; may they always be open to deepening their knowledge.

THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:9) The writer tells us that resentment and anger are foul things that will destroy our lives. Only when we forgive can we ourselves be ready for forgiveness. Anger and hate destroy our own lives and those of the community. God is love. Heaven is our home. Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Responsorial Psalm 103:1-4,9-12 A song of praise to God who is kind and merciful.

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9 These two verses emphasize that our commitment to the Lord through baptism means that we are responsible for our actions.

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21-35 Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

RCIA STARTING SOON – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for those who wish to join the Catholic Church, either through Baptism, or, if baptised in another Christian denomination, through reception into the Church – followed by Confirmation and First Holy Communion, usually celebrated at the Easter Vigil on the night before Easter Sunday. Between now and Easter there will be weekly sessions to prepare those who wish to become Catholic. These are most likely to be at Swanage, on a Tuesday or Thursday evening. The date for an introductory meeting will be arranged when we have some idea of those who wish to explore the possibility. Let Fr Tim know if you are interested, and when you can attend meetings.

Pope Leo prayer intention for September: For The Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord of Life, You have given us the gift of water, source of fruitfulness, freshness, and hope. It quenches thirst, nourishes the earth, and heals wounds. We thank You, because it is also a symbol of your grace and love that renews us through Baptism. Today we ask You to teach us to safeguard it with gratitude, justice, and responsibility.

Forgive us for turning it into a commodity, forgetting that it is a universal gift, a right without borders, meant for all your children. We see with pain so many brothers and sisters who lack clean water, who walk for miles to find it, who become ill due to its scarcity.

May your Spirit make us pilgrims of the essential, able to live with simplicity, denouncing waste and pollution, defending the right of every brother and sister to drink without fear and without inequality. May our care for water be a sign of love for the Creator and a commitment to the lives of the poor, educating new generations to value and protect the Earth's resources. Amen.

Care for Creation is a theological question 2nd September

The document "Caring for Our Common Home" [authorised by Pope Leo] calls for a "responsible and fraternal response to the Triune God". The ecological question is a theological question: the way we care for Creation reveals and shapes our relationship with God. The deterioration of the environment is alarming and urgent action is needed to ensure the sustainability of the planet. Everything is connected: we must listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

...[it] reaffirms that the ecological question is ultimately a theological question: the way in which Creation is cared for reveals and shapes our relationship with God himself.

Freedom and moral responsibility remain the indispensable foundation of every authentic ecological commitment.

...[it] calls for an "ecological turning point" that is both cultural and spiritual — following the example of St Francis of Assisi — and concludes on a note of hope: however serious the environmental crisis may be, it does not undermine trust in God, who makes "all things new".