

PURBECK CATHOLIC PARISHES NEWSLETTER – 10th October 26

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST JOSEPH Parish Church: St Joseph's, The Square, Folly Lane, Wool BH20 6DU Mass Centres: St Edward King & Martyr: Shatters Hill, Wareham – BH20 4QP St Mary's Chapel: Lulworth Castle Park, East Lulworth – BH20 5QS Primary School: St Mary & St Joseph's, Folly Lane, Wool BH20 6DS Tel: 01929 462565 www.stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk Safeguarding: Anthony Nott: 07541 303 941	PARISH OF SWANAGE Parish Church: The Holy Spirit & St Edward, 1 Victoria Avenue, Swanage BH19 1AH Swanage Hall Booking: 01929 427047 Primary School: St Mary's, Northbrook Rd, Swanage BH19 1QA Tel: 01929 424909 www.stmarysswanage.dorset.sch.uk Besom Project: 07519977732 Safeguarding: Mary Foster 07748006056 Maria Walles 07917391831
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

Saturday 10 th	6.00PM	WAREHAM	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY YR A Mass Bk p140 Pr SOT VI p67 EPII p27	
SUNDAY 11 th	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		Lawler family intentions Diane Jennings RIP
Tuesday 13 th	9.00AM	SWANAGE	St Edward the Confessor	Francis Eustace RIP
Wednesday 14 th	10.00AM	WOOL		
Thursday 15 th	10.00AM	WAREHAM	St Teresa of Avila	
Friday 16 th	9.00AM	ST MARY'S SCHOOL SWANAGE	School Mass	
	1.00PM	WAREHAM	FUNERAL MASS	Elizabeth Hilton RIP
Saturday 17 th	6.00PM	LULWORTH	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY YR A	
SUNDAY 18 th	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 Saturday 17th October 9.30 - 10.30 am
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.

Purbeck Faith Formation Group Many thanks to those who attended our first meeting. We next meet on 15th October 7.30 pm in Swanage.

RCIA – Tuesday at 6pm 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.

Prisons Week 11th- 17th October, for prisoners and their families:

For all in prison and their families that they may know the Lord's compassion and love.

For the judicial system: may it practice both justice and mercy.

Next Sunday 18th October is World Mission Sunday: when Catholics around the world come together in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's mission work. There will be a second collection.

The Holy Spirit and St Edward Church - A Brief History and Guide: faith and development over many years with the work of priests, parishioners and local contributors is distilled in our new booklet which is available for purchase at the back of church NOW (suggested price £3.50). Monies raised go towards the Buildings Fund. Thank you to the authors and for your contributions in so many ways.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE as a Permanent Deacon? Come to our Enquirers' Day on Saturday 31st October 2026 at St Boniface House Ashburton TQ13 7JL 10.30am-1.30pm

For more details or to book a place, please contact Deacon Nick Johnson on 07768 622343 or by email at nick.johnson@prcdtr.org.uk See also: www.ukvocation.org

THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

First Reading (Is. 25:6-10). Here is a prophecy of a wonderful future for God's people: no more tears, no more death; God will give us everything that will make us happy.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 23) The image of the banquet is taken up again in this Psalm about God, our shepherd and our host.

Second Reading (Phil. 4:12-14; 19-20). Like Paul, there is nothing we cannot face if we depend on the power of God. The Gospel (Mat. 22:1-14). Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders, the parable of the wedding feast. Jesus offers an image of the kingdom of heaven using the symbol of a wedding banquet. The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city. We might stop here for a moment. Why would some guests kill the servants sent to invite them to the king's wedding feast? It might be possible that the king was a tyrant, evidenced by the destruction of the city of those who refused his invitation. But if we follow this idea, then the allegory seems to be about something other than the kingdom of heaven. It is more likely that the destruction of the city would have been a powerful image corresponding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70, which would have been an important event for Matthew's audience. With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins. Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

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. There will be Requiem masses during the month. If you would like a name/names mentioned at one of these 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.

Pope Leo XIV General Audience, 7th October Catechesis. The mission of the Church in the contemporary world (Gaudium et Spes 40-45) (Reading: Mt 5: 13-16). **Summary:** ... As the Son of God became incarnate to fulfil his redemptive mission, so the Church dwells in the world as a living sign of God's plan to reconcile the world to himself. By discerning the signs of the times through the lens of the Gospel, she carries out this task by helping people respond to the profound questions of life and contributing to society through her witness of faith and charity. To be effective in this mission, the Church depends on every baptised person cooperating with the grace of the Holy Spirit and seeking holiness. The lay faithful, in particular, are called to animate the culture in which they live with a Christian spirit. In our call to build up the Kingdom of God, may we renew our efforts toward personal sanctification, justice and fraternal love, and thus be signs of hope for all people.

PLYMOUTH DIOCESAN IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY GROUP - Ignatian silent retreats provide an opportunity to step back from the busyness of everyday life to make a little extra space and time for God.

Advent 2026 RESIDENTIAL SILENT RETREAT – HONITON Nov 27th – 29th (Fri – Sun) Weekend Retreat
Nov 27th – Dec 2nd (Fri – Wed) Four - Day Retreat; Nov 27th – Dec 4th (Fri - Fri) Six-day retreat.

For further details and bookings contact Plymouth Diocesan Ignatian Spirituality Group at diocesan-ignatian-retreats@prcdtr.org.uk or phone 01752 769164 or 07823 447637

SCHOOL OPEN EVENING – this Thursday 15th October at 4.00pm to 6.30pm (St Mary's Swanage)