

PURBECK CATHOLIC PARISHES NEWSLETTER – 17th October 26

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A				
Saturday 17 th	6.00PM	LULWORTH	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY YR A Mass bk p143 Cr p12 Pr SOT VII p67 EPIII p27	
SUNDAY 18 th	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		Terry Whitaker RIP
Tuesday 20 th	9.00AM	SWANAGE		
Wednesday 21 st	10.00AM	WOOL SCHOOL	SCHOOL HARVEST MASS	
Thursday 22 nd	10.00AM	WAREHAM	Pope St John Paul II	
Friday 23 ^d		SWANAGE	NO MASS TODAY	
Saturday 24 th	6.00PM	WAREHAM	THIRTIETH SUNDAY YR A	
SUNDAY 25 th	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL		Peter and Vera Barter RIP

Regular Confession times – Swanage: Tuesday 930am;

Wareham: Thursday 1030am, Lulworth or Wareham – before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment

CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK : Please pray for the sick and housebound: Pope Leo, Maureen Lyons, Jackie Riley, Dot Bonfield, Greta Marshallsay, Wayne Axon, Kevin Wood. **RIP** 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 – meeting on Tuesday 20th October at 6pm at the Presbytery in Swanage. Any people interested in becoming Catholic would be welcome.

THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

First Reading (Is 45:1,4-6). The prophet tells the Israelites of the Babylonian exile that God will appoint Cyrus, the Persian king, to deliver them from their enemies. They are God's chosen people, his servants. However, he is also Lord of every nation.

Second Reading (1 Thess 1:1-5). St Paul gives thanks to God for the great response of the community at Thessalonika to his preaching of the Gospel. As chosen people of New Testament times they abound in faith, hope and love.

Gospel (Mt 22:15-21). In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges in the week of the Passion. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?

TODAY IS THE 100TH WORLD MISSION SUNDAY; RETIRING COLLECTION:

By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

POPE LEO'S MESSAGE ON THIS YEAR'S THEME "ONE IN CHRIST ONE IN MISSION" :

... I wish to encourage the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. ... guided and inspired by divine grace, ...

1. One in Christ – Missionary disciples united in him and with our brothers and sisters.

... being "one in Christ" calls us to keep our gaze fixed on the Lord, so that he may truly be at the centre of our lives and communities, the centre of every word, action and interpersonal relationship... By constantly listening to his word and through the grace of the Sacraments, it will be possible for us to become living stones in the Church. ... "we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord" ...

2. United in mission – That the world may believe in Christ the Lord

... no baptised person is exempt from or indifferent to mission: everyone, each according to their own vocation and condition of life, participates in the great work that Christ has entrusted to his Church. ...

3. Mission to love – Proclaiming, living and sharing God's faithful love... throughout the centuries, multitudes of Christians ... have given their lives to make this divine love known to the world. ... guided by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of love ...

...May he grant us the gift of young people and adults who are willing to leave everything behind to follow Christ on the path of evangelisation ...

...Your prayers and practical support, ... will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion...

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.

RED BOXES We still need volunteers to run the Red Box scheme in Swanage – in the past we have had a local secretary and a helper to collect boxes and help with counting. Without them we can't run the Red Box scheme in our parish.