

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST JOSEPH

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FIRST SUNDAY LENT YEAR B

Saturday	17TH FEB	6.00 PM	LULWORTH	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B	Bill Tracey RIP
Sunday	18TH	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B	
Tuesday	20TH	9.00 AM	SWANAGE		
Wednesday	21ST	10.00 AM	WOOL		
Thursday	22ND	10.00 AM	WAREHAM	CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE	
Friday	23RD	9.00 AM	St Mary's Sch. Swanage	School Mass	
Saturday	24TH	6.00 PM	WAREHAM	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YR B	
Sunday	25TH	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YR B	

CONFESSIONS: SWANAGE: Tuesday 9.30 am - **WOOL:** Wednesday 10.30am. **WAREHAM:** Thursday 10.30 am – **LULWORTH/WAREHAM:** before Saturday Vigil Mass or by appointment.

PREPARING FOR THE NEW LECTIONARY – the New Lectionary will be published later this year, and we will start to use it on the First Sunday of Advent. Between now and then, I would like to arrange some preparation sessions, starting in Lent. There will be a talk at Swanage on Saturday 3rd March at 11am, and this talk will be repeated a week later 10th March at Wareham at 2pm. Further sessions will be arranged in due course. The Lectionary will particularly affect readers at Mass, so these sessions will be particularly appropriate for them, but all are invited.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES' National Novena to St Joseph 10th-18th March from St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead, to prepare for the Solemnity of St Joseph on March 19th: masses on Zoom daily 10.00am, Sundays 11.00am. Evening Prayer every day at 6pm. Available to follow on Zoom. You are welcome to send your petitions and/or request a novena booklet. See www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena for information. Prayer booklet available from 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SLG 7GZ or novenamhm@gmail.com (donation suggested)

SWANAGE PRAYER GROUP STATIONS OF THE CROSS: During Lent the Friday prayer group will be following the stations of the cross in the church after Friday Mass or at 9:45 if there is no Mass that day. All welcome. More information from Pat Lancaster 07917477313.

WAREHAM STATIONS of the CROSS: at St Edward's on Fridays of Lent at 6pm

ST EDWARD'S WAREHAM ROSARY GROUP Thursday evenings 7:30pm at St Edward's, Wareham. Please contact Vikki Smith on 07855166883 vikki.smith97@gmail.com for more info or for prayer intentions. NO ROSARY on 7th MARCH.

WOOL COFFEE/ SOCIAL Wednesday 10.30 at Wool.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – we will have a small group at St Joseph's, Wool this year. Sessions start next Sunday 25th February at 9.45am, followed by the 11am Mass in church (it's compulsory to stay for Mass). We could still do with another volunteer to help support the program leader.

GIFT AID: if you no longer pay enough tax to cover your Gift Aid, or if you are a Tax Payer and would like the Parish to claim an extra 25% of your gifts to the church, please let your Gift Aid Organiser know. You can also give by BACS or by standing order as many parishioners do. Please contact: Holy Spirit & St Edward: Richard Cree senltr@btinternet.com; 01929 450 645 or OLQMSJ: Hugh Sheldon hughsheldon4@gmail.com; 01929 556 486.

Pope Francis Angelus 11 February:... [Jesus] always ... speaks little and His words are followed promptly by actions: He bows, takes by the hand, and heals. He does not waste time...He shows the delicate modesty of one who listens attentively and acts with solicitude, preferably without being conspicuous. It is a wonderful way to love... think of [it] when... we encounter people who act like this: sober in words, but generous in action; reluctant to show off but ready to make themselves useful; effective in helping because they are willing to listen. Friends to whom one can say: "Do you want to listen to me? Do you want to help me?", with the confidence of hearing them answer, almost with Jesus' words: "Yes, I will, I am here for you, to help you!". This concreteness is so much more important in a world such as our own, in which an evanescent virtuality of relationships seems to be gaining ground.... when was the last time I changed my plans to meet the needs of someone who asked me for help? May Mary, solicitous in care, help us to be ready and tangible in love.

THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

First Reading (Gen 9:8-15). This reading forms the conclusion to the story of the Flood and presents God renewing the covenant with the human family.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9) A prayer praising God for his covenant.

Second Reading (1 Pet 3:18-22). The waters of the flood and the covenant with Noah point towards the waters of baptism and the new covenant established by the death and resurrection of Christ. As God brought salvation to the earth through Noah, so too God brings salvation to believers by the resurrection of Jesus.

Gospel (Mark 1:12-15). On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's very short account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfilment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

LENT WALK Please come and join us for the Second Cafod Lenten Walk which is on Saturday 24th February at 2pm. The walk is on the Beach Wall in Weymouth. We will meet at the Overcombe Car Park which is just before The Oasis Café at the Preston end of Weymouth. We will gather in the carpark and then walk along the sea wall. There are toilets available and seats at regular intervals for those who need to rest. All abilities can take part in this walk and walk as far as they wish within the half hour (total walking time 1 hour), before returning to the carpark for tea, coffee and cake. All are very welcome.

NEARLY NEW SALE for the Humanitarian crisis in Gaza - Our CAFOD Group wishes to thank all those parishioners and others who supported, in any way, our Nearly New Sale on 10 February. You contributed to the grand sum of £400.50 which we have given to CAFOD. This will help CAFOD to respond, through local experts in Gaza and Israel, to help families who have lost loved ones and their homes and need urgent support.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day, Friday 23rd February envelopes are available today for the collection next week. Pray: For the poor and hungry of the world, may they have access to the food they need to survive. For all who work for overseas development, may they work alongside the poor bringing dignity and justice.

SWANAGE LENT LUNCH of soup and cheese next Saturday 24th February 12:30pm.

All proceeds to CAFOD. Please sign up by 17 February if you will be joining us.

Please tell Judith Lewis if you can provide soup, or marmalades, jams etc for preserves stall and seeds for a seed share table.



IN OUR PRAYERS - Please keep in your prayers our sick and housebound and all those who have asked for our prayers especially Rita Hart, Maureen Lyons, Laura McGuire, Jackie Riley and Greta Marshallsay.

Diocesan Lenten Zoom talks:

Fridays 6:30 pm; for details go to www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/lenten-talks-2024/