

PARISH OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS & ST JOSEPH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

Saturday	24TH FEB	6.00 PM	WAREHAM	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YR B	Sheila Sheldon RIP
Sunday	25TH	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YR B	
Tuesday	27TH	9.00 AM	SWANAGE		Sick of the Parish
Wednesday	28TH	10.00 AM	WOOL		
Thursday	29TH	10.00 AM	WAREHAM		
Friday	1st MARCH	NO MASS AT SWANAGE THIS MORNING			
Saturday	2ND	6.00 PM	LULWORTH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YR B	
Sunday	3RD	9.00 AM 11.00 AM	SWANAGE WOOL	THIRD 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.

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.

RIP Fr John Smethurst

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH is the World Day of Prayer: For governments and legislators that they may protect and establish the dignity and equality of women in society.

For all women who follow Christ, may they be guardians and advocates for the seamless garment of life.

The Swanage Service for the World Day of Prayer, prepared by the women of Palestine is at 11am at St Mark's Church, Herston, followed by a Lent Lunch. All welcome.



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 2nd March at 11am, and this talk will be repeated a week later 9th 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)

Lent reflection: Our Diocesan Administrator Canon Paul Cummins gives a reflection on the meaning of Lent on Youtube. He encourages us to place a renewed focus on the three 'pillars' of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and provides insights into how we can put this into practice in our daily lives this sacred season. See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Q7536a70yc>

Diocesan Lenten Zoom talks:

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION at Wareham Saturday 2nd March 9am - 12pm. Morning prayer of the church just after 9am and the rest of the time for silent prayer before our Lord.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at Swanage: Fridays in Lent after 9:00 am Mass or 9:45 am if there is no Mass. All Welcome

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

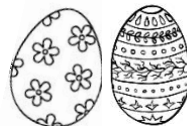
ST EDWARD'S WAREHAM ROSARY GROUP Thursday evenings 7:30pm at St Edward's, more info contact Vikki Smith 07855166883

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EASTER EGG APPEAL

for the children of the Food Bank (Wareham).

We will be collecting



Easter Eggs at our Saturday Masses until 23rd March. Last year's appeal was a great success and much appreciated by the children and parents alike, so thank you. We hope to do the same this year.

SWANAGE BUILDING FUND and work being done: There will be a brief update on progress at the end of Mass on Sunday 3rd March with a retiring collection for the building fund.

Our CAFOD Group had planned to have a soup lunch this Sunday, 25 February. However, circumstances have forced us to defer the date to Sunday 3 March after the 11 am Mass at St Joseph's. We look forward to meeting parishioners on 3 March to share a cup of soup, a bread roll. All proceeds will be added to the Fast Day collection.

Thanks to all who contributed to the **Swanage Lent Lunch** and for all donations to CAFOD for the family fast day.

STAY AWAKE is taking place for the sixth year on **Saturday 13 April, 2024** from **10:00 – 19:00** at **All Saints Church of England Academy, Weymouth**. Looking to go deeper with Jesus? Come along for some inspiring and thought-provoking talks, Holy Mass, kids' activities, praise and worship and pizza! This is an event for everyone and anyone. Tickets are free for those in Year 9 and under, £10.00 for those in Year 10 – 13, and only £12.50 for everyone else! Tickets available now, online from www.stayawakejc.com/stay-awake-2024

THIS WEEKEND we will welcome **Sarita de Kretser** who will be speaking at the end of the Sunday Masses about this event.

THE WORD THIS WEEKEND

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. For Christians, the obedience of Abraham, who is willing to offer his only son on the mountain the Lord points out to him, prefigures the obedient love of Jesus who offers himself to the Father on the Hill of Calvary.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 116:10,15,16-17,18-19 A prayer of faithfulness to God

Second Reading Romans 8:31b-34 God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-10 Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John. On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, the year of Mark, we hear Mark's report of this event.

Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from the Lord the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to the Lord. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfilment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.