



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Monday of Holy Week	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer & Office of readings S. Mark - 1pm - 4pm Welcome Space S. Luke - 6.30pm Evening prayer S. Luke - 7pm Mass with a meditation
Tuesday of Holy Week	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer & Office of readings S. Mark - 6.30pm Mass S. Mark - 7pm Mass with a meditation
Wednesday of Holy Week	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer & Office of readings S. Saviour - 6.30pm Evening Prayer S. Saviour - 7pm Mass with a meditation
Maundy Thursday	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer & Office of readings S. Luke - 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch S. Mark - 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper & Watch
Good Friday	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer & Office of readings S. Saviour - 10am Children's Stations of the Cross with craft activities S. Luke - 3pm Liturgy of the Passion S. Mark - 3pm Liturgy of the Passion S. Saviour - 5pm Mass Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer & Office of readings S. Luke - 8.30pm The Easter Vigil & first Mass of Easter S. Mark - 8.30pm The Easter Vigil & first Mass of Easter
Sunday 24th March EASTER SUNDAY	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 9am Sung Mass of Easter Day S. Mark - 10.30am Sung Mass of Easter Day S. Luke - 11am Sung Mass of Easter Day with Baptism S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer

CHORAL EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION - This evening, Sunday 24th, there will be a special Choral Evensong at S. Mark's for Palm Sunday. All the music will be unaccompanied and the choir will be singing from the chancel. Do come and invite friends.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES - In place of our usual Mass times, this week we will have Evening Prayer at 6.30pm and then Mass with a meditation at 7pm on Monday at S. Luke's, on Tuesday at S. Mark's and on Wednesday at S. Saviour's. Priests will be available to hear confessions from 6pm.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY - There will Stations of the Cross with craft activities, singing and hot cross buns at S. Saviour's for children at 10am on Good Friday. Everyone Welcome. Thank you to Vicki Pepper, to Felicity van der Linde and everyone who will be contributing to this liturgy.

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM - Fr Toby writes: "These three sacred days, beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday and culminating in our celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection, are the most holy days of the church year. They will be marked in this parish with rich liturgy, scripture, music and prayer. Coming to the church for the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the beautiful Easter Vigil is something all Christians should try to do and is a wonderful way of deepening our faith. Please try to make coming to these celebrations a priority and invite others too."

CLOCKS CHANGE - Don't forget that the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am next Sunday morning signalling the start of British Summer Time - and lighter evenings. Don't be late for church.



CAN YOU HELP? There will be lots to do this week getting our churches ready for our celebration of Easter. If you can help with this, please do speak to the wardens or the clergy.

EASTER FLOWERS - If you would like to make a donation towards flowers to make our churches look beautiful for Easter, please speak to the churchwardens

Electoral Roll Revision - Notices advertising the Revision have been posted in our churches. The revision takes place between 6th April and 28th April. If you are Baptised, over the age of 16 and if you reside, or habitually worship, in the Parish, you can join the roll which will allow you to attend the APCM (which takes place on Thursday 23rd May) and if you wish, to stand for election to the various church councils. If you would like to join the roll or have changed your contact details during the year, please let us know, Pat Mortimer (SM), Linda McEntee (SS) or John Bishop (SL).

BANNERS - In September, for our Eucharistic Festival in September, which will include a Eucharistic Procession through our town, we'd love to have banners made for our churches, if we can raise the funds through donations. If you'd like to contribute to the cost of banners being made - which is likely be a couple of thousand pounds for each church - please speak to the wardens or clergy.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE - Our parish pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place from Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August. The total cost of the pilgrimage, including transport by coach, will be £460.50; the price will fall slightly if more people sign up. Those who have booked need to pay a non-refundable deposit of £150 by Thursday, 4 April and complete and return the form that was sent out. There are still places left, so if you'd like to come, please speak to the clergy for details.

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Joana Afonso, Gail Chilcott

YEAR'S MIND

[24] Ruth Leach, Anthony George Bishop [25] Evelyn Wykeham-Martin, Michael Robinson [26] William Masters [27] Raymond Richens [28] Ernest Goringe, Eber John Down, Margaret Scott [29] Alba Southby [30] Betty Lewis, Joyce Constance Buckland

FOR YOUR WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS - Richard & Maddie Charman, John Wilson, Alison Gray, Sue Davis, Kylie Lawson, Lynn Thrussell, Julia Carr, Margaret Stevenson, Peter Gembarski, Ted Lane, Ann McIntire, Katie Joseph Kerry Whitby, Brian Poat, Jin Furzeland, Lourenco Gonsalves, Renelle Nunes, Daisy Lawrence, Brian Skeete

HOME COMMUNICANTS - Muriel Avenell, Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgeley, Alfred, Beryl & Les Howell,

PASTORAL CARE - Please do feel free to call the clergy if there is anything they can do to support you or others you know with any pastoral or spiritual needs.

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For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20240324mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 117; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

PARISH OFFICE - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220

Mon and Thurs 9am - 1pm office@psnt.uk

PLANNED GIVING- For those who make their offering by weekly envelopes, new boxed sets of envelopes for 2024 are available. If you are not part of the Planned Giving scheme and would like to have a boxed set of envelopes, please contact John Bishop at the email below.

Alternatively if you would prefer to make your offering by bank transfer, our banking details are:

Parish of Swindon New Town PCC,

Sort code 40-52-40,

Account number 00024962. (Please use S.Mark, S.Saviour or S.Luke as your reference or say what the payment is for, if not for planned giving)

John Bishop treasurer@psnt.uk

Thursday 21st March will be the **Oswestry Chrism Festival** will be celebrated by Bishop Paul at Gloucester Cathedral, which all are encouraged to attend.

Holy Week



Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (24 March), when there will be a procession with the blessing of palms at the Sunday Mass at each church. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Triduum

In these three of the most sacred days in the Church year, we follow Our Lord from the Last Supper and his betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane; from his scourging and crowning with thorns to his carrying of the cross along the *via dolorosa*; from being raised up on the tree of Calvary to the consummation of the sacrifice in his death; from being placed in the tomb to the joy of the resurrection and his appearing to S. Mary Magdalen on Easter morning.



Maundy Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm at S. Mark's and S. Luke's. The Watch until Midnight.

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross for children and young people at S. Saviour's at 10am.

Good Friday Liturgy 3pm at S. Mark's & S. Luke's, 5pm at S. Saviour's

| Day of fasting and abstinence |



Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil at 8.30pm at S. Mark's and S. Luke's).

Easter Day

Sung Masses

9am S. Saviour's | 10:30am S. Luke's | 11am S. Mark's



Messy[®] Church



A fun morning for
children, young people
and families to explore
our faith.

Join us for Children's
liturgy with craft
activities, singing and
hot cross buns

Good Friday
29th March 10am
at St Saviour's Church