



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 29th September 2024 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Monday S. Jerome	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space S. Mark - 4-5pm Alpha Course S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday S. Thérèse of Lisieux	S. Luke - 7.30am Mass S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space & Free Shop S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday The Holy Guardian Angels	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 4.30pm Children's singing group S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer S. Mark - 7pm Mass
Thursday Feria	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Luke - 9.30am Mass S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer Rosary Home Group 6.30pm 162 William St
Friday S. Francis of Assisi	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer S. Luke - 7pm Mass
Saturday Feria	S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings and prayers in Konkani
Sunday 6th October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	S. Mark - 8am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 9am Sung Mass S. Mark - 10.30am Sung Mass S. Luke - 11am Sung Mass S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer

GIVING TO THE CHURCH - Fr Toby writes: *“We’ve had such an encouraging response to our stewardship campaign. Thank you all! The pledges have come in and we can announce today that pledged giving is up 20 per cent compared with stewardship giving in 2023 . Over a whole year, this would bring stewardship giving to just over £69,000.*

“The parish still has a financial shortfall. We’ll need to think of new ways to meet that, including fundraising. But this encouraging increase in giving provides us with a really strong base on which to build. Thank you again to everyone who contributes, in so many ways, to our life as a church community.

“Thank you too to John Bishop, Linda McEntee and to our finance committee for all their work on the stewardship campaign.”

EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL - Thank you to everyone who contributed to our celebrations in recent days.

FEAST OF S. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN – There will be a Sung Mass at S. Mark’s on Wednesday 9 October at 7.30pm as we celebrate this important feast day. Please put the date in your diary.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – We’ll be collecting gifts for the Swindon Food Collective at our Harvest Festival masses on Sunday 13 October. At S. Saviour’s this will be a Parade Mass, at which we’ll be joined by members of the Scouting and Guiding organizations.

If you would like to make a donation to the Swindon Food Collective, they especially need: **Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:**

“ Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea (40 bags); Small Bags of Sugar (500g); Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Toothpaste; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants”

FORUM MEETINGS – Fr Gary Ecclestone SSC will be visiting us to talk through the conclusions of our Healthy Churches surveys and help us reflect on what they mean for our life and mission. Fr Gary will be at S. Saviour’s on Sunday 20 October and at S. Luke’s on 17 November. Please put those dates in your diary. Fr Gary will be with us for the Sunday Mass and then everyone will be welcome to stay on afterward for a discussion over refreshments.

WELCOME SPACE – The welcome space at S. Mark’s Hall meets on Mondays, from 1 to 4pm. It’s a space for people to enjoy free refreshments, including tea and soup, board games, arts and crafts, and time to chat with other people. We are open to the whole community on Mondays from 1 to 4pm. Everyone is welcome – please do come and support this.

WENDY PONTING RIP - Many who are regulars at Welcome Space will know Wendy Ponting, who sadly passed away two weeks ago. She was well known locally and came to welcome space at both churches. Her funeral will be held at St Michaels Church in Highworth on Monday 7th October at 1pm.

S. LUKE’S FREE SHOP & WELCOME SPACE – In co-operation with Swindon Borough Council, we are running a Free Shop at S. Luke’s hall. It is open from 1.30pm to 2.30pm every Tuesday. Also our Welcome Space is open at S. Luke’s from 1pm to 3pm. All are welcome. Please do come along to support this. If you are interested in volunteering we really need volunteers to help run this. If you feel able to help, please contact Tom Dumbell (tom@psnt.uk).

SINGING GROUP – Our singing group for young people will restart Wednesday 2nd Oct at S. Saviour’s from 4.30pm to 6pm. For details, please speak to our Mission Worker, Tom tom@psnt.uk

ROSARY HOME GROUP - Rosary group is on Thursday, 3rd October at Tom’s. This will be held every other Thursday evening at 6.30pm. It will be followed by a cup of tea. If you are interested, please speak to Tom (tom@psnt.uk)

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP - Our next Taize-style Contemplative Worship will be on 13th Oct at 4.30pm at S. Saviour's. It is a short and peaceful service with simple chants with a chance for meditation. Evening Prayer will follow at 5pm. If you would like to get involved in this please contact Fr Tim (fr.tim@psnt.uk)

MESSY CHURCH - The next Messy Church will be at S. Saviour's Wednesday 16th October, **4.30pm-6.30pm**. It will have Harvest Themed arts and crafts, worship and food. If you would like to get involved or have any questions please speak to Tom (tom@psnt.uk)

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Wendy Ponting

YEAR'S MIND

[29] Peggy Dance [30] Maurice Edwards, William Sadler [1st October] Audrey Wheeler [2] Wilfred Milsom [3] Doris Comley [4] Allan Hawkins (priest) [5] Rosalie Comley, Linda Mayall

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, Chris Ockwell, Francisco Fernandes, John Fuller, Margret Evans, Roy Norton, Anita Souza

HOME COMMUNICANTS - Muriel Avenell, Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgley, 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/20240929mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Gen 2:18-24; Ps 127; Heb 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

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