



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 24th November 2024 Solemnity of Christ the King

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Monday S. Catherine of Alexandria	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer Theology in the Pub 7.30-8.30pm at The Glue Pot
Tuesday Feria	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 Feria	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 Group 6.30pm 162 William St
Friday Feria	S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer S. Luke - 7pm Mass
Saturday S. Andrew	S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings and prayers in Konkani
Sunday 1st December First Sunday of Advent	S. Mark - 8am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 9am Sung Mass S. Mark - 10.30am Sung Mass S. Luke - 11am Sung Mass S. Mark - 6pm Advent Carols

TONIGHT AT S. SAVIOUR'S – Today's Solemnity of Christ the King is our Feast of Title at S. Saviour's. Do please come from across the Parish to give thanks for the life of S. Saviour's this evening for Choral Evensong & Benediction at 6pm, followed by refreshments in the hall.

ADVENT CAROLS – Advent begins next Sunday. There will be a beautiful service of Advent Carols and Readings at S. Mark's at 6pm. Do please come and bring friends.

S. FRANCIS XAVIER – Tuesday, 2 December is the Feast of S. Francis Xavier, the Patron Saint of Goa. There will be a Sung Mass with hymns, readings and prayers in Konkani at S. Luke's at 7pm, followed by refreshments.

NEW SUNDAY MASS – From Advent Sunday, there will be an additional early morning Mass in the parish at S. Mark's at 7.30am. We're initially trying this as an experiment for December and January. It will be a short said Mass. This is to allow people who might have working or caring responsibilities an additional opportunity to fulfil the Sunday obligation to come to Mass. Sunday is a day of obligation for all Christians. It means there will now be five opportunities to fulfil that obligation in our parish, with the Vigil Mass, the early Mass and three Sung Masses.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP – We'd like to investigate setting up a bereavement support group, perhaps meeting monthly at S. Mark's on a Saturday. If you'd like to help with this or have ideas, please email our Reader, Carol Simmons carol@psnt.uk.

ROSARY HOME GROUP - Rosary group is on Thursday, 28th November at Tom's house. This will be held every other Thursday evening at 6.30pm.

WEDNESDAYS AT S. MARK'S – Coming to Masses other than on Sundays and other Holy Days of Obligation is an act of devotion. Attending a midweek Mass is an excellent way of strengthening our faith and drawing closer to God. There is a daily Mass in the parish. On Wednesdays we are having authorized lay preachers give the homilies – thank you to Carol, Ellie, Tom and Dominic for all your thoughtful preaching. Please do come and support them if you can.

CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP - Our singing group for young people is on Wednesdays (except the 3rd Wednesday, when Messy Church happens) at S. Saviour's from 4.30pm to 6pm.

PCC MEETING - The Parochial Church Council will meet on Monday 2 December, beginning with Mass at 7pm. We hope to set and approve a budget for 2025 at the meeting.

WELCOME SPACES – The welcome space at S. Mark’s Hall meets on Mondays, from 1 to 4pm. The welcome space at S. Luke’s meets Tuesdays, from 1pm to 3pm and includes the council run Free Shop. They are spaces 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. Everyone is welcome – please do come and support this. If you feel able to help, please contact Tom Dumbell (tom@psnt.uk).

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2025 - We have booked for 15th - 19th September. Please let Linda in the office know as soon as possible if you are interested in going. More information can be found at <https://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk/>

SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST - Stamps at 35p each, will be available at each church and from the Parish office. Cards can be posted in the box provided and will be delivered between 14th-15th Dec. The last day for posting will be Tuesday 10th Dec. All profits go to local scout groups.

THEOLOGY IN THE PUB is this Monday (25th Nov) with the theme: ‘the end times’. We will gather in the Glue Pot (Emlyn Square SN1 5BP) at 7:30pm. Whether you’re a budding theologian or new to the faith, theology in the pub is a great opportunity to chat and ask questions in a friendly and relaxed setting.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – For your diaries, please see below the details of our Christmas services. This year we’re reintroducing a Mass of the Night at S. Saviour’s on Christmas Eve, as well as a Crib Service at S. Mark’s.

Friday 20 December – 7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols at S. Mark’s.

Sunday 22 December – 6pm Community Carols at S. Luke’s

Monday 23 December – 7pm Carols outdoors at S. Saviour’s

Tuesday 24 December – 3pm Crib Service at S. Mark’s;

4pm Crib Service at S. Saviour’s;

9pm Mass of the Night at S. Saviour’s and at S. Luke’s;

11.30pm Midnight Mass at S. Mark’s.

Wednesday 25 December – 10am Mass of Christmas Day at S. Mark’s

10am at S. Saviour’s.

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

YEAR'S MIND

[24] Tom Still, Rosalind Mary CSMV, Catherine Rowley [25] Olive Farr
[26] Elizabeth Bennett [27] Christopher Vincent [29] Frank Comley, Albert
Blackford [30] Reginald Lester

FOR YOUR WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS - Richard & Maddie Charman,
John Wilson, Alison Gray, Sue Davis, Kylie Lawson, Julia Carr, Margaret
Stevenson, Peter Gembarski, Ted Lane, Ann McIntire, Katie Joseph, Kerry
Whitby, Brian Poat, Jin Fuzeland, Lourenco Gonsalves, Renelle Nunes,
Chris Ockwell, Francisco Fernandes, John Fuller, Margret Evans, Roy
Norton, Anita Souza, Vincente Barber Pons, Suzanne Couzins

HOME COMMUNICANTS - Muriel Avenell, Betty Mitchell, Owen
Shellard, Maurice Lidgeley, 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.

email fr.toby@psnt.uk mobile 07773 377503 home 01793 938187
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For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20241124mass.htm>
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Jer 33:14-16; Ps 24; 1Thess3:12-4:2; Luke21:25-28,34-36

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 2025 will shortly be 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



Advent Carols & Readings

Sunday 1st December

6.00pm

Parish Church of
S. Mark the Evangelist
Church Pl SN1 5EH



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CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP

COME AND HAVE FUN
LEARNING TO SING
OPEN TO AGES 7 TO 18
YEARS



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