



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

**Sunday 16th March 2025
2nd Sunday of Lent**

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Monday
S. Patrick**

S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 9-10.30am Toddler Group
S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass
S. Mark - 1-4 Welcome Space
S. Mark - 4pm Lent Course
S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer
S. Mark - 7pm Mass (followed by PCC)

**Tuesday
S. Cyril of Jerusalem**

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
Solemnity of S. Joseph**

S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer
S. Saviour - 4.30pm Messy Church with Mass at 5.30pm
S. Luke - 7.30pm Sung Mass

**Thursday
Lent Feria**

S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 9.30am Mass
S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer
Rosary Group & Lent Course 6.30pm 162 William St

**Friday
Lent Feria**

S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer
S. Aldhelm - 12.15 Lent Prayers and Lunch
S. Luke - 7pm Mass

**Saturday
Lent Feria**

S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass
S. Aldhelm - 10.30am Alpha Course
S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings
and prayers in Konkani

**Sunday
23rd March
3rd Sunday of Lent**

S. Mark - 7.30am Said Mass
S. Mark - 8am Morning Prayer
S. Saviour - 9am Sung Mass
S. Mark - 10.30am Sung Mass
S. Luke - 11am Sung Mass
S. Mark - 6pm Choral Evensong with Benediction

ARCHDEACON CHRISTOPHER - We welcome the Archdeacon of Malmesbury, the Ven Christopher Bryan as the celebrant and preacher at S. Luke's today.

MISSION PRIEST - On Monday we'll be interviewing for our next Mission Priest. Please pray for that appointment. Bishop Paul will be with us and will celebrate the 12.30pm Mass at S. Mark's, to which all are welcome.

PCC - The Parochial Church Council meets this Monday evening, beginning with Mass at S. Mark's at 7pm.

STATIONS - Join us for Stations of the Cross this evening at S. Luke's at 5pm, all are welcome. Next Sunday there will be Choral Evensong and Benediction at S. Mark's at 6pm.

LENT COURSE - This year's Lent course is entitled Following Jesus - Exploring Every Day Discipleship - Life on the Frontline. We'll be using material from the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity to think about how we live out our Christian calling and identity in our daily life. The Lent course will take place at S. Mark's at 4pm on Mondays and at 162 William Street at 7pm on Thursdays. Are all welcome.

ROSARY - Our rosary prayer group will meet every Thursday during Lent at 6.30pm, immediately before the Lent course.

LENT PRAYERS AND LUNCHESES - Our Ecumenical Lent lunches begin this week, when we'll gather with our brothers and sisters from other churches in central Swindon for prayer and fellowship. Donations for the lunches will support the work of Christian Aid and Cafod.

SOLEMNITIES DURING LENT - There are two important feasts in Lent this year. Wednesday, 19 March is S. Joseph's Day - there will be a Sung Mass at S. Luke's at 7.30pm. Wednesday, 25 March is the Annunciation of the Lord; there will be a Sung Mass at S. Mark's at 7.30pm.

HOLY HOUR - Each Wednesday at S. Mark's we'll keep a holy hour of adoration of the blessed sacrament from 6pm. This will be begin with Evening Prayer and then there will follow silent prayer until the 7pm Mass. You are welcome to attend a part if you cannot be present for the whole hour.

TODDLER GROUP - Our toddler group continues this week at S. Mark's from 9-10.30am. If you know anyone who would be interested in this or if you could offer help, please speak to Tom. (tom@psnt.uk)

OUR NEW YOUTH CLUB starts at S. Saviour's on Friday 21st March. It will run from 7.30 - 9.00pm and is for all young people aged 11-17. There will be games, activities and food. It is FREE (except for the tuckshop!) This will be a really fun event, and our young people have been involved in painting the hall to make it ready. If you are interested, please speak to Tom or contact him at tom@psnt.uk

MESSY CHURCH – is this Wednesday 19 March at S. Saviour's at 4.30pm The theme will be S. Joseph. There will be craft activities, Mass at 5.30pm and a meal. If you would like to know more, please speak to Tom (tom@psnt.uk)

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION - Notices advertising the Revision have been posted in our churches. This year sees a complete revision of the roll, and **ALL** existing members need to reapply, and takes place between 29th March and 27th 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 22nd May) and if you wish, to stand for election to the various church councils. If you would like to join the roll please fill in an application form available from 29th March. For more information please contact the Electoral Roll Officer john@psnt.uk

CHURCH CLEANING - will take place at S. Luke's Church on Saturday 22nd March from 9am - 10.30am. Please let Lynda know if you can help.

OSWESTRY CHRISM FESTIVAL - Bishop Paul will be celebrating the Chrism Mass on Saturday 12 April at Holy Nativity, Knowle. The Saturday dates means, we hope, that lots more people will be able to come. The timings for the day are: 11am Mass followed by hearty buffet; 2.15pm Catechesis; 3pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

S. MARK'S DAY will be kept on Tuesday, 29 April. (The date is moved this year because of the Easter Octave.) We'll be joined by the former Bishop of Exeter, Bishop Michael Langrish, as our principal celebrant and preacher. The Patronal Festival Mass will be at 7.30pm at S. Mark's.

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Eugene Nunes, Peter Davis, Maria Slinn, Margaret Williams

YEAR'S MIND

[16] Cyril Reginald Cutler, Mair Hughes [17] Juliet Morcomb, Frederick Ernest Bishop snr, Joan Raynes [18] Veronica Mary Lee Pagett [19] Ivy Absalom, David Saunders, Eileen Webb, Lawrence Thackstone, Noel Glass [20] Elsie Newham, Tony Newman [21] Philip Hart (priest), Kate Spencer, John Hart [23] Raymond John White,

FOR YOUR WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS - Richard & Maddie Charman, John Wilson, Sue Davis, Kylie Lawson, , Margaret Stevenson, Chris Ockwell, Roy Norton, Wagner Lisboa, Joe Hicks, Katie Joseph, Sarah Druett, John Fuller, Renelle Nunes, Moncy Moranda, Moina Clement, Brian Poat

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.

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For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20250316mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Exod 3:1-8,13-15; Ps 102;1Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9

PARISH OFFICE - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220

Mon 9-11am, Thurs 9am-1pm, Friday 9-12noon office@psnt.uk

PLANNED GIVING- For those who make their offering by weekly envelopes, new boxed sets of envelopes for 2025 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

ASHFORD ROAD

YOUTH CLUB



FRIDAYS FROM 7.30 - 9PM
S. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH HALL,
ASHFORD ROAD SN1 3NS

A new club for young people aged 11-17.
Games, activities, food and a place to
hang out at the end of the school week.

Contact Tom at tom@psnt.uk
for more information.

Toddler Playgroup



Every Monday 9.00am – 10.30am

At S. Mark's Church, SN1 5EH
(opposite the GWR Park)

Connect with other parents / carers over
coffee and bring your little one for
nursery rhymes, playtime, healthy snacks,
books and more. Suggested donation of £2



Contact: tom@psnt.uk
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S. Mark's

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JOSEPH



MOST FAITHFUL

An All-Age celebration for the
Feast of Saint Joseph



S. Saviour's Church, Ashford Road SN1 3NS

Wednesday 19th March, 4.30 – 6.30pm

Arts, crafts, worship and a FREE hot meal

OSWESTRY CHRISM FESTIVALS



FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

- 11am Solemn Concelebrated
Mass of the Chrism
followed by a hearty buffet lunch
- 2.15pm Catechesis
- 3pm Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament

10th April in Exeter Cathedral

12th April at the Church of the
Holy Nativity in Knowle, Bristol

14th April in Lichfield Cathedral