



The Parish of
Swindon
New Town

MESSENGER

Sunday 6th April 2025
5th Sunday of Lent

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Monday
Feria

S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass
S. Mark - 1-4 Welcome Space
S. Mark - 4pm Lent Course
S. Mark - 6pm Evening Prayer

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 Singing group
S. Mark - 6pm Holy Hour
S. Mark - 7pm Mass

Thursday
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
Feria

S. Mark - 8.15am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 10am Mass
S. Aldhelm - 12.15 Lent Prayers and Lunch

Saturday
Feria

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

Sunday
13th April
Palm Sunday

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. Luke - 5pm Stations of the Cross followed by
Evening Prayer

STATIONS - Join us for Stations of the Cross this evening at S. Luke's at 5pm, followed by Evening Prayer. All are welcome.

CHRISM MASS - This Saturday, Bishop Paul will celebrate his Chrism Mass in Bristol. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. At the Chrism Mass, the clergy will renew their ordination promises and the Bishop will bless the holy oils for use in the coming year. It is an important event as we gather together with other parishes under Bishop Paul's episcopal care. The day begins with Mass at 11am, followed by a hearty lunch, teaching and ending with Benediction at 3pm. The Chrism Mass will be at Holy Nativity Church in Knowle, easily accessible from Swindon by train or car. Please do come if you possibly can.

Lent Course - The Lent course takes place at S. Mark's at 4pm on Mondays and at 162 William Street at 7pm on Thursdays. All are welcome.

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

Lent Prayers and Lunches - Our Lent lunches continue this week, at S. Aldhelm's. Donations will support the work of Christian Aid & CAFOD.

Holy Hour - Each Wednesday at S. Mark's we'll keep a holy hour of adoration of the blessed sacrament from 6pm. This begins with Evening Prayer and then there will follow silent prayer until the 7pm Mass.

CHILDREN'S WORK DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS - There will be no Youth Club during the Easter holidays, with the first one of the new term being on Friday April 25th at 7.30pm. Toddler Group will also have a break over the Easter holidays, restarting on Monday 28 April at S. Mark's. Children's Choir will meet on Wednesday 9 and 16 April as usual, to practice music for Good Friday, but will rest on Wednesday 30 April as Tom is on pilgrimage in Rome. Children's Choir will then meet again the following week on 7 May.

WELCOME SPACE EASTER AFTERNOON TEA - There will be no Welcome Space at St Mark's on Easter Monday (21 April) as the day is a Bank Holiday. On Tuesday 22 April there will be an Easter Afternoon Tea at S. Luke's from 1pm to 3pm.

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP - Our next Taize-style Contemplative Worship is 13 April, at 5pm at S. Saviour's. It will be a short and peaceful service, combined with Stations of the Cross, with simple chants and a chance for meditation. Evening Prayer will follow at 5.30pm. Please do come along.

HOLY WEEK begins next Sunday with Palm Sunday.

On Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week there will be Mass at 7pm with a reflection given by a lay person. We'll then enter the most sacred days of the church year, the Paschal Triduum with the following services:

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7.30pm at S. Mark's and S. Luke's.

Good Friday

Messy Church for children and young people
10am at S. Saviour's

Liturgy of the Passion

3pm at S. Mark's and S. Luke's
5pm at S. Saviour's

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil
8.30pm at S. Mark's and S. Luke's.

MESSY GOOD FRIDAY—Our next Messy Church will be Good Friday, 18 April at S. Saviour's at 10am. There will be children's Stations of the Cross, craft activities, hot cross buns and drinks. Everyone welcome. If you would like to know more, please speak to Tom (tom@psnt.uk)

BEER FESTIVAL - Would you sponsor the S. Benedict Beer Festival? Our Beer Festival takes place on Saturday 12 July from 12 noon to 10pm. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help with setting up and on the day. We are now looking for people who may be willing to help the PCC to defray the costs of setting up the Festival by offering to sponsor our event. If you are interested in helping us in this way, or know of anyone who might (individuals or businesses), please have a word with our Reader, Carol, or email her on carol@psnt.uk. There are a variety of sponsorship packages available starting from as little as £40.

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.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER - Donations for Easter Lilies and other flowers to decorate our churches this Easter would be very welcome.

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

John Hepplewhite

YEAR'S MIND

[6] Bill Lewis [7] Annie Curtis, Ellen Exton, Neil Tucker, Frederick Derham
[8] Charles Edward Strudwick, Bill Gough [9] Stanley Lawrence
[10] Marilyn Waite, Elizabeth Shankland [12] Ronald Mayell

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

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/20250406mass.htm>
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Isa 50:4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

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

OSWESTRY CHRISM FESTIVALS



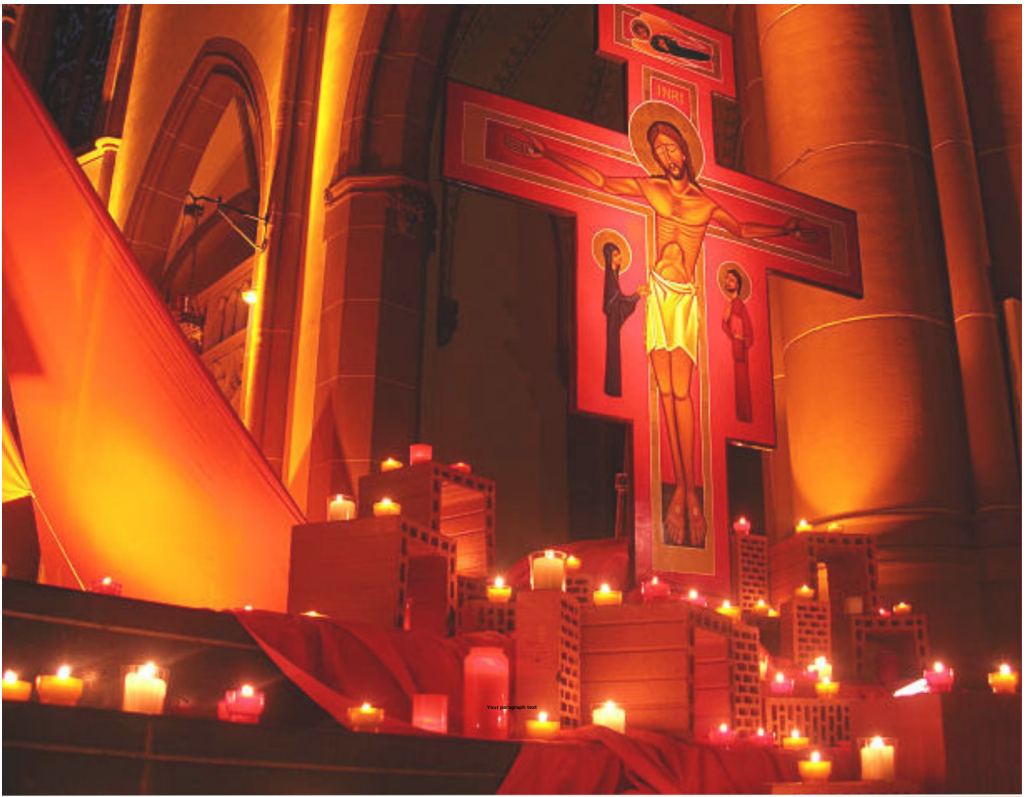
FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

- 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



CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of the month - 4.30pm

Taizé-style Worship

Peaceful, reflective space for
prayer and contemplation



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S. Saviour's Church
Ashford Road
SN1 3NS

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
18th April 10am
at St Saviour's Church





YOUTH

Pilgrimages



**Youth Pilgrimage to
Walsingham, England**
Monday 4th - Friday 8th August
Cost to be announced

Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd
August
Cost: £100 per child



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*For young people aged 11
and older. Contact Tom at
tom@psnt.uk for more details*