



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSANGER

Sunday 28th September 2025
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday
Ss. Michael, Gabriel
& Raphael

S. Mark - 9-10.30am Toddler Group
S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass
S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space
S. Mark - 7pm said Mass

Tuesday
S. Jerome

S. Luke - 8am Mass
S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass
S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space & Free Shop
S. Mark - 6.30pm Confirmation Preparation for Adults

Wednesday
S. Thérèse of the
Child Jesus

S. Saviour - 4.30pm Children's Singing Group
S. Mark - 7pm Mass

Thursday
Holy Guardian Angels

S. Luke - 9.30am Mass
Rosary 6.30pm 162 William Street

Friday
Feria

S. Luke - 6pm Mass
S. Saviour - 7.30-9.30pm Youth Group

Saturday
S. Francis of Assisi

S. Aldhelm - No morning Mass
S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings and
prayers in Konkani

Sunday 5th October
27th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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

LITURGY OF THE HOURS at S. Mark's
Morning Prayer 8am Sunday, 8.45am Monday - Friday
Evening Prayer 5pm Sunday to Tuesday & Thursday to Friday;
6.30pm Wednesday.

CHORAL EVENSONG TONIGHT – Join us this evening at 6pm at S. Mark's for a beautiful service of Choral Evensong and Benediction. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the week ahead - and a good service to invite friends too as well. Thank you to Tom Edwards and to the choir at S. Mark's for all the work you put into this.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK – There will be an additional (said) Mass at S. Mark's on Monday evening at 7pm for the Feast of S. Michael and All Angels. Please note that there will be no Mass at S. Aldhelm's this Saturday.

CONFIRMATIONS – We give thanks that the Lord is calling people into the life of the Church here in our parish. Bishop Paul will be with, for the second time this year, to administer the sacrament of confirmation on **Wednesday, 10 December** at 7pm. Please put the date in your diary. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to the clergy. Our confirmation preparation group for adults is meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday at S. Mark's.

S. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN – There will be a Sung Mass for the Feast of S. John Henry Newman at 7.30pm on Thursday, 9 October at S. Mark's. This year we'll be giving special thanks that this great English saint has now been declared a Doctor of the Church.

S. LUKE'S DAY – The whole parish is invited to gather for our Patronal Festival Mass at S. Luke's at 7.30pm on Friday, 17 October. Fr Kenny Wickens, our former parishioner, will be joining us for the first time since he was ordained priest. The Mass will be followed by a parish party in the hall. In the days leading up to S. Luke's Day, we'll be keeping a novena of prayers at S. Luke's from 8 October to 16 October at 6pm (or after the Mass when Mass is at 6pm).

FR TOBY – Fr Toby will be away from this Tuesday until Saturday 11 October. Please also note that Fr Toby's landline number has changed – it is now 01793 952910.

CHURCH CLEANING will be take place at S. Mark's at 10 am on the following dates: Saturday 4th October, Saturday 1st November and Saturday 6th December. We would love to welcome new members to the cleaning team so please come along. Please speak to Carole Green. Thank you

WORKING PARTY AT S. LUKE'S - Date for your diary - Please join us on Saturday 4 October 2025 starting at 9.30am, but come when you can, to join a working party to tackle the final section of cleaning inside the Church and to remove the weeds/rubbish that have accumulated around the site.

REGIONAL FESTIVAL - Fr Toby writes: *"Please make sure Saturday, 11 October is in your diary. With other parishes under Bishop Paul's care, we are all invited to our Regional Festival, which will be at All Saints' Weston-super-Mare. The plan is to go up together on the train, leaving Swindon at 9:23am. Bishop Paul will be leading us for a day of worship and fellowship under the theme of Our Lady of Confidence. If you are interested in coming, please sign the sheet at the back of church."*

PLANTING HOPE: THE CROCUS CROSS AT S. LUKE'S - We are going to be planting a Living Cross of Crocuses in the grass at S. Luke's. When spring arrives, the flowers will bloom in the shape of the cross - a beautiful reminder of new life, resurrection, and hope.

How You Can Take Part

- Sponsor a Crocus Bulb - £1 each Dedicate a crocus in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or as a sign of hope.
- Everyone is invited to come and help plant bulbs on our Planting Day (1 Nov at 10.30am).

How to Give

From next week, donations can be made after our Saturday or Sunday services through our special giving envelopes / or direct payment: Parish of Swindon New Town PCC, Sort code 40-52-40, Account number 00024962. Please use the reference; Crocus

Every gift, large or small, will help create a lasting symbol of faith and hope in our community. Together, let's plant hope that will return year after year.

ROSARY HOME GROUP - The Rosary home group at Tom's (162 William Street) is this Thursday, 2nd Oct. This will be held every other Thursday evening at 6.30pm. It will be followed by a cup of tea.

If you would like to know more contact Tom tom@psnt.uk

YOUTH CLUB is at S. Saviour's. It runs from 7.30 - 9.30pm and is for young people aged 11-17. If you know anyone who may be interested, please speak to Tom. tom@psnt.uk

SINGING GROUP returns this Wednesday, 1st October.

For more details please contact tom@psnt.uk

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Cipriano Peirera

YEAR'S MIND

[28] Joan Irene Ruggles [29] Peggy Dance [30] Maurice Edwards, William Sadler [1st October] Audrey Wheeler [2] Wilfred Milsom [3] Doris Comley [4] Allan Hawkins (priest)

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 Miranda, Moina Clement, Lourenco Gonsalves, Kayleigh Winbow, Grace King, Fr Peter Garlick, Barbara Sheppard, James, Margaret Dennis, Carole New, Evelyn Bartlett, Cynthia Strudwick

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/20250928mass.htm>
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4; Ps 94; 2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14; Luke 17:5-10

PARISH OFFICE - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220
Mon 9-11am, Thurs 9am-1pm, Friday 9-12noon office@psnt.uk
Safeguarding - Lynn Trigg 07812198128 lynn@psnt.uk

PLANNED GIVING- For those who make their offering by weekly envelopes, 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



SEE of OSWESTRY REGIONAL FESTIVAL



at ALL SAINTS,
WESTON SUPER MARE

All Saints Rd., BS23 2NL

Saturday, 11th October

THEME:
OUR LADY OF CONFIDENCE

12 noon

*Pontifical Mass followed by lunch**

2.15 pm

Catechesis

3 pm

Marian procession and devotions

*Please bring your own lunch

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Join us for Sunday Kids' Club

9am @ S. Saviour's

10:30am @ S. Mark's

11am @ S. Luke's

Crafts, bible stories and more!

Contact

Tom Dumbell - tom@psnt.uk



SINGING GROUP

COME AND HAVE FUN
LEARNING TO SING
OPEN TO AGES 7 TO 17
YEARS



Contact Tom: tom@psnt.uk

Wednesday's at S. Saviour's Church
4:30-6pm (except 3rd Wed when
Messy Church happens)

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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