



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 1st February 2026
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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| Monday Candlemas | S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 9am Toddler Group S. Mark - 12.30pm Rosary S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer S. Mass - 7.30pm Sung Mass |
| Tuesday S. Blaise | S. Luke - 8am Mass S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer |
| Wednesday Feria | S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Augustine - 10am Mass S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer S. Mark - 7pm Mass |
| Thursday S. Agatha | S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Luke - 9.30am Mass S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer Rosary Home Group - 6.30pm 162 William Street |
| Friday Ss. Paul Miki & Companions | S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer S. Luke - 6pm Sung Mass with readings in Konkani |
| Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary | S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani |
| Sunday 8th Feb 5th 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 S. Saviour - 4.30pm Contemplative Worship |

CANDLEMAS - Tomorrow (Monday 2 Feb) is the beautiful Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. There will be a Sung Mass and procession at S. Mark's at 7.30pm. Carol Simmons, our Parish Reader, will be the preacher. Refreshments in the hall will follow. Do come and invite friends.

FR MICHAEL JOHNSON - It is a joy to welcome back Fr Michael as our celebrant and preacher at the 11am Mass at S. Luke's today. Thank you for being with us, Father.

HOLY ROSARY - In place of the 12.30pm Mass tomorrow, we'll be praying the Holy Rosary. All are welcome.

BEN MULCOCK - Please pray for our former parishioner Ben Mulcock who will be clothed as a novice at Hillfield Friary this Tuesday; he has been given the name Leo to take at his clothing. Fr Toby and Fr Tim will be there to represent the parish.

S. AUGUSTINE'S - Please continue to pray for our friends and neighbours at S. Augustine's Church in Rodbourne. The Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday this week at S. Augustine's at 10am.

RICKY WHITEFIELD - We are delighted to welcome Ricky Whitefield as our Mission Intern for 2026. He comes to us from Durham University where he has been working as a research fellow and teacher in the Department of Theology and Religion since 2020. Developing Parish initiatives around theological learning and discipleship, as well as contributing to the S. Aldhelm's renewal project, this promises to be a very formative time for the Parish and for Ricky as he discerns his vocation to the Sacred Priesthood. Please continue to keep him and our Mission Project in your prayers. Ricky will be starting this placement today. He is excited to get started and to meet you all, so please do introduce yourselves to him or get in touch via email (ricky.whitefield@psnt.uk).

PCC MEETING - The Parochial Church Council meets on Monday, 9 February beginning with Mass at 7pm.

BEER FESTIVAL - Please make sure that these dates are in your calendar. 2026 Beer Festival - Friday 24 July (from 4pm to 10pm) and Saturday 25 July (from noon to 10pm). If you could help in any way, please speak to Carol Simmons

ROSARY HOME GROUP - The Rosary home group meets at Tom's (162 William Street) this Thursday. This is held every other Thursday evening at 6.30pm. It is followed by a cup of tea. If you would like to know more contact Tom tom@psnt.uk

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2026 - Our annual pilgrimage to Walsingham is booked for Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July. The cost will be approximately £450. Please email the office office@psnt.uk if you are interested and I will get more details out to you.

SHARE IN THE LIFE AT S. LUKE'S - As you are aware, there are lots of opportunities to become more involved in the life of S. Luke's. A leaflet has been added to the Messenger please tick against any areas that interest you, where appropriate training will be provided. Alternatively have a chat with one of the Sides People or Sue, Church Warden.

ST LUKE IGORJECHEA JIVITANT VANTTO - Zhoxem tumi zannant amchea St Luke Igorjent zaito tumi adhar divpak zatam. Ami ek leaflet Messenger-acher ghatleam, tacher tumi tick korchem khuicheam vavrant tumi adhar divunk zhattam to. Tumcheam mhoneant proxn asa zaleam, tumi Igorjecheam vavradeam koddem vo Sue (Church Warden), hanchem koddem vicharunk zata.

WELCOME SPACES– The Welcome Space at S. Mark's is from 1pm to 4pm on Mondays and the Welcome Space, with Free Shop, at S. Luke's is from 1pm to 3pm on Tuesdays. Everyone is welcome – please do come and support these. If you feel able to help, please contact Tom tom@psnt.uk

YOUTH CLUB - this runs at S. Saviour's on Fridays 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!) If you are interested, please speak to Tom or contact him at tom@psnt.uk

TODDLER GROUP–This runs at S. Mark's on Mondays from 9 - 10.30am. If you are interested or wish to know more, please contact Tom tom@psnt.uk

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP- The Guild of S. Thérèse of Lisieux, is a group for young adults aged between 18-35. There is usually prayer followed by a social event. If you would like to know more about this group then please speak to Fr Adam. fr.adam@psnt.uk

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Ron Burchell, Paul Tracey, Peter Garlick (priest), Rodney Padmore, Andy Beaton, Socorrina

YEAR'S MIND

[1st February] Charles Hurrell, Jean Gardner [2] Philip Leigh (priest), Alice May Couzens, William How (priest), Roy Norton, Joacquin da Silva [3] Margaret Connelly, William Stuart Tayler (priest), Donald Cosh (priest) [4] Kenneth Webb, Frederick Nash (priest), Gwendoline Crabb [6] Gladys Whale, George Wheeler, Elsie Goddard [7] Phyllis Cousins

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, Renelle Nunes, Moncy Miranda, Moina Clement, Lourenco Gonsalves, Kayleigh Winbow, Grace King, Barbara Sheppard, Evelyn Bartlett, Lynn Thrussell, Kylie Lawson, Aida Gomendes, Sally Hobbs

HOME COMMUNICANTS - Muriel Avenell, Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgely, Beryl & Les Howell, Cynthia Strudwick,

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/20260201/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Is 58:7-10; Ps 111; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Matt 5:13-16

PARISH OFFICE - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220

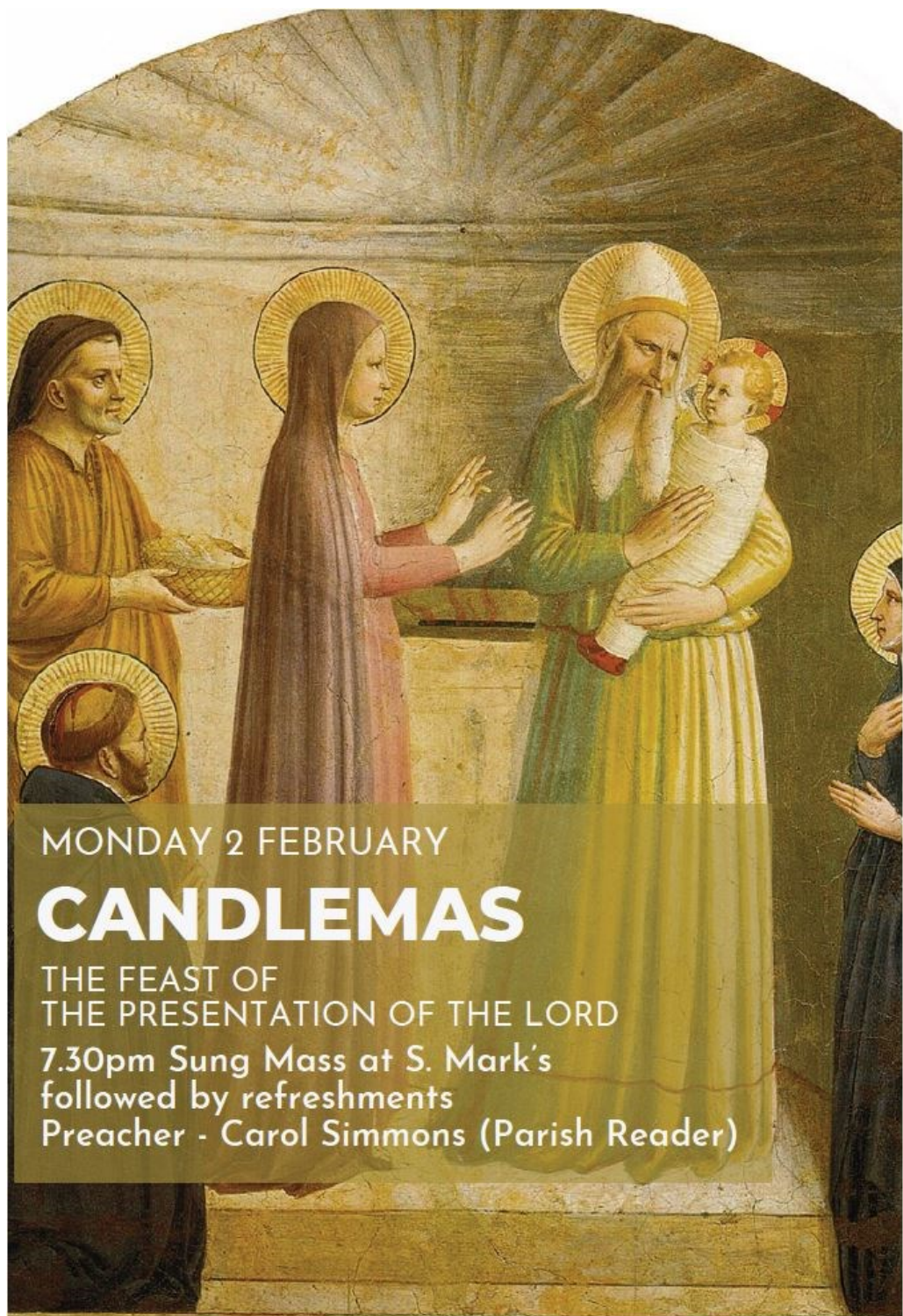
Mon 9-11am, Thurs 9am-1pm, Friday 9-12noon office@psnt.uk

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PLANNED GIVING- For those who make their offering by weekly envelopes, boxed sets of envelopes for **2026** are available. If you would like to have a boxed set of envelopes, please contact John Bishop.

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



MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY

CANDLEMAS

THE FEAST OF
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

7.30pm Sung Mass at S. Mark's
followed by refreshments

Preacher - Carol Simmons (Parish Reader)