



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 15th February 2026 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday	Feria S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space
Tuesday Feria	S. Luke - 8am Mass S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass Service of the Word 11.15 Kings Court S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space Confessions 8.15am - 9.15am S. Saviour's 2-3pm S. Luke's 5.15-6.30pm S. Mark's
Wednesday Ash Wednesday	S. Luke - 8am Mass with imposition of ashes S. Luke - 9.30am Mass with imposition of ashes S. Augustine - 10am Mass with imposition of ashes S. Saviour - 12 noon Mass with imposition of ashes S. Saviour - 4.30pm Messy Church S. Saviour - 5.30pm Messy Mass with ashes S. Luke - 6pm Konkani Mass with imposition of ashes S. Mark - 7.30pm Sung Mass with imposition of ashes
Thursday	S. Luke - 9.30am Mass Rosary Home Group - 6.30pm 162 William Street
Friday	S. Luke - 6pm Mass
Saturday	S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani
Sunday 22nd Feb 1st 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 - Choral Evensong & Benediction

Liturgy of the Hours

Morning Prayer 8am Sunday, 8.45am Monday to Friday
Evening Prayer 5pm Sunday to Tuesday & Thursday to Friday

LENT begins on Wednesday. Lent is a holy season of renewal, as we consciously seek to return to God and to deepen our relationship with the Lord through spiritual disciplines, including prayer, fasting and almsgiving. If you would like any advice about how you intend to keep Lent, please speak with the clergy.

SHROVE TUESDAY CONFESSIONS - Start Lent well by making your confession. The clergy will be very happy to guide you in preparing for your confession if you would like any help. Fr Toby will be available to hear confessions on Shrove Tuesday from 8.15am to 9.15am at S. Saviour's, from 2pm to 3pm at S. Luke's, and from 5.15pm to 6.30pm at S. Mark's. Please speak to Fr Toby or Fr Adam if you would like to make your confession at any time during Lent by appointment.

ASH WEDNESDAY - On Ash Wednesday we come to Mass and receive the imposition of ashes as a sign of our desire for repentance.

Mass will be celebrated at these times:

8am at S. Luke's

9.30am at S. Luke's

10am at S. Augustine's

12 noon at S. Saviour's

5.30pm (as part of Messy Church) at S. Saviour's

6pm (with readings in Konkani) at S. Luke's

7.30pm (Sung Mass) at S. Mark's.

LENT COURSE our Lent course *Let us Pray* will begin next week. We'll be exploring how to enrich our spiritual lives through different forms of prayer. The Course will meet after the 9.30am Tuesday Mass at S. Saviour's, after the 10am Wednesday Mass at S. Augustine's, and after the 6.30pm Thursday rosary group at 162 William Street.

LENT LUNCHESES - Once again the parish will be taking part in the Lent Lunches organised by the ecumenical group Churches Together in Swindon Centre. Please note that they begin later than last year on **27th February**. Please see the poster for further information and the dates on which each church is either leading the prayers or providing the lunch. If you have any questions or want to get involved please speak to Fr Tim.

CHRISM MASS – Bishop Paul will be celebrating our Chrism Mass this year in Bath on **Saturday 28 March**. Please do put the date firmly in your diary and come if you can. It will be a wonderful day of celebration: Mass will be celebrated at 11am at which the holy oils for the year will be blessed and the clergy will renew their ordination promises; this will be followed by a buffet lunch, catechesis and benediction. The Chrism Festival will be at S. John's Bathwick, which is easy to get to from Swindon on the train.

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.

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

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

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 or you know someone who might be a sponsor, please speak to Carol Simmons

ADVANCE NOTICE - The Kentwood show choir will be performing at S. Mark's on Friday 1st May at 7.30pm. Please put this date in your diary. Tickets will be on sale soon.

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

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

YEAR'S MIND

[15] Dorothy Hulbert, Lily Reeves, Alfred Gardner, Mary Morgan, Peter Vanhinsburgh [16] Arthur Rose [17] Robert Rowley, Norman Marks
[19] Stanley Whale (priest), Cedric Thomas Burge
[21] Dorothy Collins

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, Sally Hobbs, Carole New

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/20260215/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Gen 2:7-9;3;1-7; Ps 50; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11

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

18 FEB

ASH WEDNESDAY

8am & 9.30am
Said Mass
S. Luke's, Broad St



10am
Said Mass
S. Augustine's, Summers St



12noon
Said Mass
S. Saviour's, Ashford Rd



5.30pm
Messy Church Mass
S. Saviour's, Ashford Rd



6pm
Sung Konkani Mass
S. Luke's, Broad St



7.30pm
Sung Mass
S. Mark's, Church Place

Remember you are dust



Ash Wednesday

February 18th • 4.30–6.30pm

S. Saviour's Church, Ashford Road

A fun evening for all ages as we begin our journey through Lent and towards Easter. Arts and crafts, a children's Ash Wednesday service and a simple hot meal to share together.

