



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

**Sunday 15th March 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday Lent Feria	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 9am Toddler Group S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday S. Patrick	S. Luke - 8am Mass S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass followed by Lent Course Service of the Word 11.15 Kings Court S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space and Free Shop S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday S. Cyril of Jerusalem	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Augustine - 10am Mass followed by Lent Course S. Mark - 6-7pm Holy Hour S. Mark - 7pm Mass
Thursday S. Joseph	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer S. Luke - 7.30pm Sung Mass
Friday Lent Feria	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Aldhelm - 12.15pm Lent Lunch S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer S. Luke - 6pm Mass S. Saviour - 7.30pm Youth Group
Saturday Lent Feria	S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani
Sunday 22nd March 5th 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

S. JOSEPH'S DAY - This Thursday is the Solemnity of S. Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Sung Mass followed by refreshments at S. Luke's at 7.30pm. Tom Dumbell, our Mission Worker, will be preaching. Please come to Mass and remember that, even during Lent, a Solemnity is a day for feasting not fasting!

CHRISM MASS - Fr Toby writes: *"Please come to the Chrism Mass if you possibly can. It will be a wonderful day of worship, teaching, fellowship with our Bishop. Bishop Paul does so much to support us as a Parish, and how good to have this opportunity to be with him and those from other parishes under his episcopal care."* The Chrism Mass is on Saturday 28 March at St John's, Bathwick. For anyone wanting to travel together from the parish, we'll be meeting at 9.40 at Swindon railway station to take the 9.56 train to Bath. Or come to meet at S. Mark's to begin with Morning Prayer at 8.45.

WELCOME to our Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their parents joining us for the Parade Mass at S. Saviour's today!

LENT COURSE Our Lent course on prayer continues this week with Fr Adam teaching us about praying with icons and the Jesus Prayer. The Lent course this week will meet after Mass at S. Saviour's and S. Augustine's. At S. Augustine's there will be a simple lunch to raise funds for local charities at 12 noon this Wednesday. If you'd like to come to the lunch, please let Carol Holmes know in advance on 07928527315. There will be no Rosary Group or Thursday Lent course this week because of our S. Joseph's Day celebrations.

LENT LUNCHESES - Thank you to everyone at S. Saviour's and S. Luke's who helped and supported the beginning of the Churches Together in Swindon Centre ecumenical Lent Lunches - the soups and hospitality were both equally fantastic! On the 27th March, S. Mark's will be providing the lunch. We need one more soup and also some bread and cheese. If you are able to help with this, or would like to make a donation towards this, please speak to Simon Cox or Fr Tim.

MASS TIMES - During Lent, there will be at Mass every Wednesday at S. Augustine's at 10am; there will be a Holy Hour, with vespers and silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, at S. Mark's every Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Our Lent devotions this evening are Stations of the Cross at S. Luke's at 5pm. All are welcome. Thank you to Sue and Rufina for leading these.

POTTED PLANTS FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY at S. Mark's are given by Richard and Carole Green in loving memory of Ray Wheeler

ROSARY AND EASTER CARDS - If you were inspired by Tom's talk on Praying the Rosary last week, we have a number of Rosary beads in the office. We also have a small amount of Mothering Sunday and S. Patrick's Day cards and a lot of Easter Cards. Please come in and have look.

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 are now available for £10 at all three churches and the parish office.

S. LUKE'S WORKING PARTY - S. Luke's are going to have a working party to clean the church on Saturday 21 March. Please help if you can from 9.30am there will be lots of different things to do. As well as cleaning in the Church on Saturday 21 March 2026 from 9.30am there will be a working party painting the kitchen off the main hall. Please come and join us if you are available - many hand make light work. See you there - Sue Carvell

A MESSAGE FROM SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE - *During Lent why not gather items to help those less fortunate than yourselves and create a donation for the Swindon Food Collective, a charity helping to feed almost 9,000 people, of which 31% are children.*

Here are some suggested donations: Tin of Baked Beans, Bottle of Washing Up Liquid, Tin of Spaghetti Hoops, Tin of Corned Beef, Tin of Custard, Jar of Coffee, Tin of Potatoes, Bar of soap, Packet of long grain rice, Tin of fruit, Carton of long life juice, Tinned Fray Bentos pie, Tube of toothpaste, Packet of jelly cubes, Bottle of shower gel, Tin of hot dogs, Tin of rice pudding, Packet of teabags, Tin of sweetcorn, Tin of spam, 2in1 Shampoo/conditioner, Tin of tuna, Laundry pods.

There are collection boxes in each of our churches.

BEER FESTIVAL AT S. MARK'S - 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

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

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Trevor Day (priest), Dolores Alves Ribeiro, David Wilkinson, Gary Allman, Caroline Summer

YEAR'S MIND

[15] John Ponsonby (priest), Michael Pearce, Doris Sadler, Michael Mason (priest) [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

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, Beth Wells, James, Jane Carter, Zara Pemberton

HOME COMMUNICANTS - Muriel Avenell, Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgeley, 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.

email fr.toby@psnt.uk mobile 07773 377503 home 01793 952910

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For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20260315/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Ezek 37:12-14; Ps 129; Rom 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

PARISH OFFICE - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220

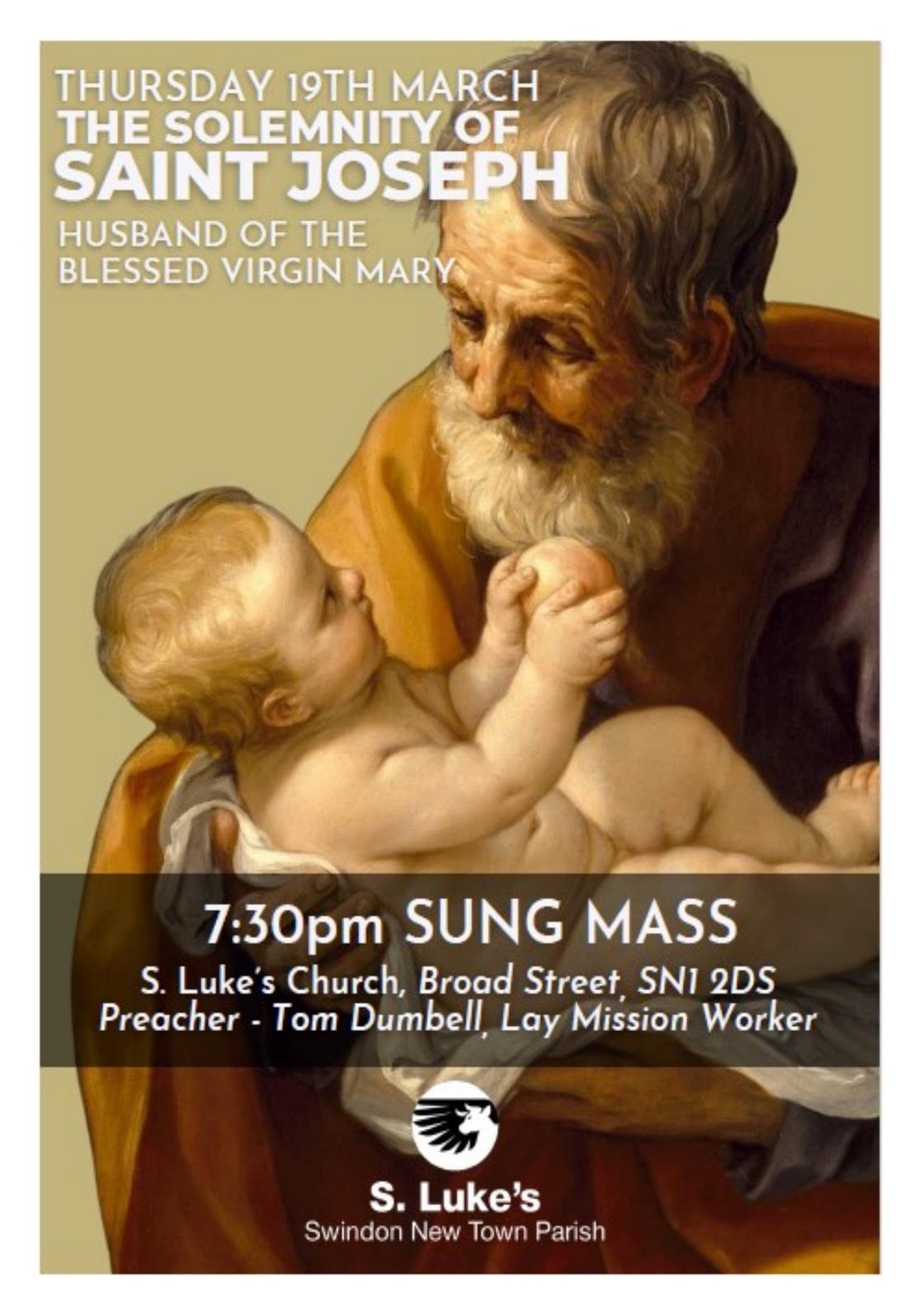
Mon 9-11am, Thurs 9am-1pm, Friday 9-12noon office@psnt.uk

Safeguarding - Lynn Trigg 07812198128 lynn@psnt.uk

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



THURSDAY 19TH MARCH
THE SOLEMNITY OF
SAINT JOSEPH

HUSBAND OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30pm SUNG MASS

S. Luke's Church, Broad Street, SN1 2DS
Preacher - Tom Dumbell, Lay Mission Worker



S. Luke's
Swindon New Town Parish

Kentwood Show

Choir

S. Mark's Church

Church Place
Swindon SN1 5EH

Fri 1st May 2026

7.30pm

Tickets £10

available from:

Holmes Music Centre
21-23 Faringdon Road
Swindon SN1 5AR

Parish Office
S. Aldhelm's Centre
Edgeware Road
Swindon SN1 1QS

S. Mark's, S. Lukes
or S. Saviour's churches
during opening hours

or on the door



enquiries: office@psnt.uk

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BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE**