



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

**Sunday 22nd March 2026
Fifth 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 Theology in the pub 7pm The Glue Pot, Emlyn Sq.
Tuesday Lent Feria	S. Luke - 8am Mass S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass followed by Lent Course S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space and Free Shop S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday The Annunciation Of the Lord	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Augustine - 10am Mass followed by Lent Course S. Mark - 4.30pm Rosary S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer S. Mark - 7.30pm Sung Mass
Thursday Lent Feria	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Luke - 9.30am Mass S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer Rosary Home Group - 6.30pm 162 William Street followed by Lent Course
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. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. John, Bathwick - 11am Oswestry Chrism Mass S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani
Sunday 29th March 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. Saviour - 5pm Stations of the Cross

CHRISM MASS - This Saturday, Bishop Paul will celebrate his Chrism Mass in Bath. The day begins with Mass at 11am, and is followed by a celebratory buffet lunch, catechesis and Benediction. Fr Toby writes: "*This will be a wonderful day of worship, teaching and 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.*" The Chrism Mass is at S. John's, Bathwick. For anyone wanting to travel together from the parish, we'll be meeting at 9.40am at Swindon railway station to take the 9.56am train to Bath. Or come to S. Mark's to begin with Morning Prayer at 8.45am.

CHORAL EVENSONG - Join us this evening at 6pm at S. Mark's for Choral Evensong and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This is an excellent way to prepare for the working week ahead, with beautiful music. Do come and invite others.

THE ANNUNCIATION - This Wednesday (25 March) is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, when we remember Our Lady's resounding "yes" to the message of the angel. There will be Said Mass at S. Augustine's at 10am and a Sung Mass at S. Mark at 7.30pm, followed by drinks.

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.

PRAYING FOR YOUR STREET - Our monthly rosary at S. Mark's, offered for those who have asked for our intercessions in response to cards we've delivered to local streets, is this Wednesday at 4.30pm. This month we're praying for George Street and Butterworth Street.

EASTER FLOWERS - if you would like to make a donation towards Easter flowers please speak to Tom or Carole at S. Mark's, Caroline at S. Saviour's or Margaret at S. Luke's.

S. Mark's will be decorating the church on Saturday 4th April from 10am. Anyone is welcome to come and help.

THEOLOGY IN THE PUB - We will meet in the Glue Pot, Emlyn Square at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The discussion will be Awaiting Resurrection – Where do we see hope in darkness.

CLOCKS CHANGE - Don't forget that you clocks go forward one hour next Sunday. You don't want to be late for the Palm Sunday Mass.

S. MARK'S DAY - Advanced notice for your dairies... We'll be keeping S. Mark's Day with a Sung Patronal Festival Mass at 12 noon on Saturday 25 April, followed by a Parish lunch. Fr Harri Williams SSC, the Principal of St Stephen's House and former Vicar of Walsingham, will be our guest preacher.

RAILWAY ANNIVERSARY - A series of events is taking place this week to mark forty years since the closure of the Swindon Works in 1986. Fr Toby will be speaking at an event on Thursday at 4pm outside the Steam Museum on Thursday. All are welcome. Please see the posters for details.

TODDLER GROUP - This runs this week at S. Mark's on Monday from 9 - 10.30am. It will then take a two week break for Easter. If you wish to know more, please contact Tom tom@psnt.uk

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Dolores Alves Ribeiro, David Wilkinson, Gary Allman, Caroline Summer, Susan Timbury, Antonette Monteiro, Evelyn Bartlett

YEAR'S MIND

[22] Leslie Chapman, Olwen Sweet, Catherine Magee [23] Frances Tapley [24] Charles Stoddard, Kenneth Mortimer [25] Norman Tucker [26] Matthias William Hayball, Roy Basing [28] Ann Lovegrove, Frank Wheeler, Geoffrey Powell (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, 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 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.

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

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For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20260322/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Isa 50:4-7; Ps 21; Phil 2:6-11; Matt 26:14-27:66

PARISH OFFICE - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220

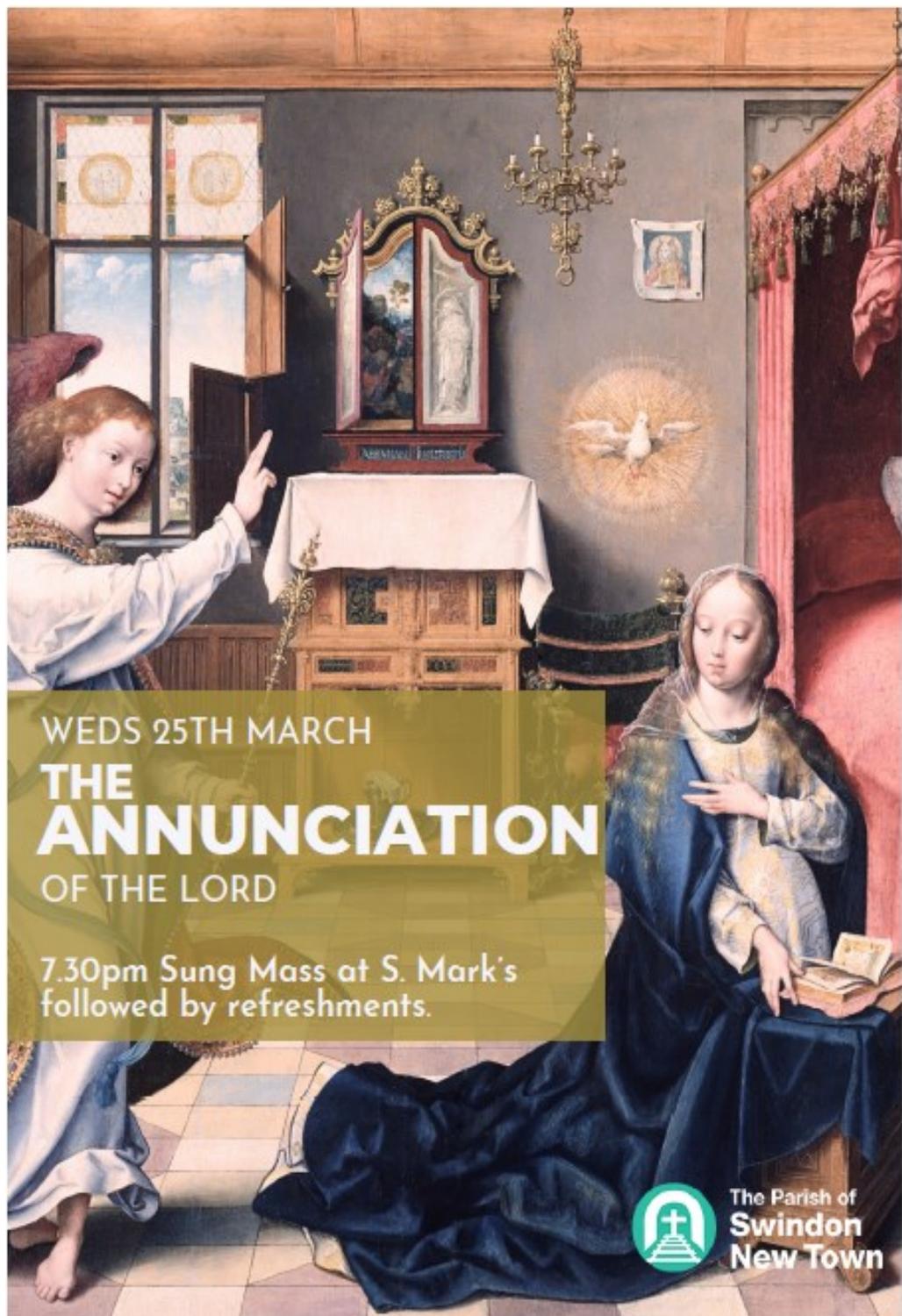
Mon 9-11am, Thurs 9am-1pm, Friday 9-12noon office@psnt.uk

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



WEDS 25TH MARCH

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

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



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OSWESTRY CHRISM FESTIVAL

St John's Bathwick

St John's Rd, Bathwick, Bath BA2 6PT

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NOTE:
*Parking is not
available at this
location. Please
make suitable
arrangements.*



THE SEE OF
OSWESTRY

Saturday
28th March

11am:

*Solemn Concelebrated
Mass of the Chrism
followed by buffet lunch*

2:15pm

Catechesis

3pm

*Benediction
of the Blessed
Sacrament*



THE PARISH OF SWINDON NEW TOWN

Join us for the Sacred Paschal Triduum

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April

7.30pm at S. Mark's & S. Luke's

the MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER

Good Friday - 3rd April

10am at S. Saviour's

MESSY CHURCH *for children & young people*

3pm at S. Mark's & S. Luke's | 5pm at S. Saviour's

the LITURGY of the PASSION of the LORD

Holy Saturday - 4th April

8.30pm at S. Mark's & S. Luke's

the EASTER VIGIL

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

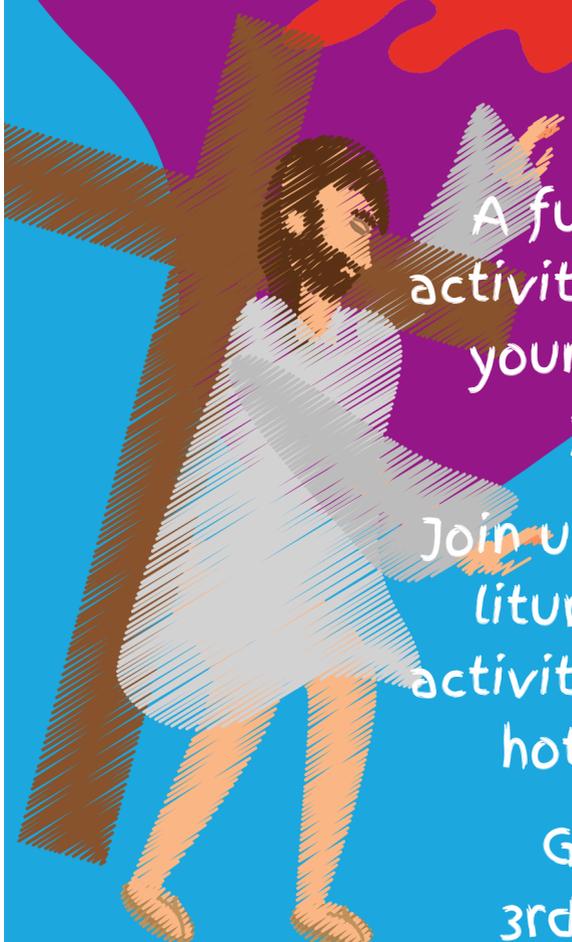
or on the door



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BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE**

MESSY[®] Church



A fun morning of
activities for children,
young people and
families .

Join us for Children's
liturgy with craft
activities, singing and
hot cross buns

Good Friday
3rd April 10am
at St Saviour's Church