



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday
The English Martyrs

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
Easter Feria

S. Luke - 8am Mass
S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass
S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space and Free Shop
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday
Easter Feria

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Augustine - 10am Mass
S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer
S. Mark - 7pm Mass

Thursday
Easter Feria

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 9.30am Mass

Friday
Easter Feria

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
S. Luke - 6pm Mass
S. Saviour - 7.30pm Youth Group

Saturday
Easter Feria

S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass
S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani

Sunday 10th May
6th Sunday of Easter

S. Mark - 7.30am Said Mass
S. Mass - 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
S. Saviour - 5pm Evening Prayer

GENEROUS GIVING CAMPAIGN - Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our Generous Giving Campaign. It is really important for our future: please pray for this to be fruitful. Currently we are running an unsustainable annual deficit of about £30,000. We need to increase our planned giving across the board by about 35 per cent to eliminate this. This is vital if we are to secure adequate long-term clergy staffing in the parish, which we need to keep a Sunday Mass in each of our churches and to support our parish's growth and outreach.

"If you worship regularly in the parish, please pick up an envelope. If you are on the electoral roll, there should be an addressed envelope, otherwise please take an unaddressed one. And please:

1. Pray for a generous response to the giving campaign.
2. Prayerfully consider you own financial giving - and please give generously and joyfully.
3. Give by standing order if you possibly can and return the gift aid declaration if you pay income or capital gains tax.

"O Lord, every good gift we have comes from you. We thank you. Grant us generous hearts and make us joyful to work together in the Church for the building up of your Kingdom and the sharing of the Gospel."

GRACE AT THE GROUND LEVEL - A huge thanks to all of those who came to the first in the second series of our Grace of the Ground level talks this week. Thank you to all of the panellists and to Cameron, our pastoral assistant, who chaired the meeting. How wonderful it is that we can host a meeting of young adults discussing their faith in a vibrant, authentic manner - a real sign of life and vitality in our parish!

Please come along **this evening - 3 May at 6pm** - to hear Kai McWhirter speak about the Church and people with autism, sharing his personal experiences of joining the life of the parish. Refreshments will be provided.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA - We shall be keeping the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on 16 May. Mass will be at the usual time of 6pm.

CORPUS CHRISTI - Plans are underway for the wonderful celebrations for the Feast of Corpus Christi. On 4 June there will be a Sung Mass with a procession and benediction at 7.30pm. If you are able to assist in creating the carpet of flowers by bringing some flowers then please speak to Tom. Additionally, if you would like to offer donations towards the flower arrangements for the altar then they would be greatly appreciated.

40 HOURS DEVOTION - To prepare for the marvellous feast of Corpus Christi, there will be a 40 Hour Devotion leading up to 4 June. A Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 5.30pm on 2 June and then there will be 40 hours of perpetual adoration. Solemn Matins at 9am on 4 June will conclude this period of adoration.

ASCENSION DAY is on Thursday 14 May. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, one of the days when all Christians should go to Mass. There will be a Sung Mass at S. Mark's at 7.30pm. Our guest preacher will be the Revd Canon Dr Simon Taylor. Fr Simon is the Director of Mission and Ministry Support at the Diocese of Bristol.

ANNUAL MEETINGS - Notices to announce these meetings are now posted in all three churches. They will be held at S. Mark's on Tuesday 19th May starting after a 6.45pm Mass. Full details can be found in the 2025 Annual Report. This report is now available to read on the parish website and paper copies will be available in the churches from Sunday 10th May. We also elect Churchwardens, Deanery Synod and PCC members at these meetings and nomination forms are also available in each church.

WALSINGHAM YOUTH PILGRIMAGE - The Youth Pilgrimage is a week of lively worship, teaching, fellowship, and fun for 11-18 year olds. Pilgrimage has been taking place in Walsingham, Norfolk since the Middle Ages and the week brings it alive, making it relevant to young people in today's world. The 2026 theme is 'Gaudete -- Leaping for Joy!', and will delve into the rich tapestry of Mary's life and her unwavering faith. There will be a BBQ, a disco, crafts, sports, music, inflatables, football, friendship, and opportunities to visit the local beach. Although the actual cost is approx. £275/pp, our parish is only asking £75/pp. This includes transportation, food, tents, and the full programme of teaching and entertainment from Monday 3rd - Friday 7th of August. Please speak to Tom Dumbell, Fr Adam, or email office@psnt.uk to sign-up ASAP. Space is going fast! Our Lady of Walsingham O.P.N

FUNERAL WISHES - There are now booklets at the back of church which will help you plan your funeral. It is always a good thing for Christians to be prepared to die, and to die well. This booklet will help you think about liturgy, readings, music and other such topics for your funeral. An online form is being produced and will be out soon. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Tim

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

YEAR'S MIND

[3] Herbert Reginald Dashwood, Raymond Allnatt, Alice Cann

[4] Marjorie Brown, Derek Edward Rose [6] Lynn Gladys Norton

[7] Harold Venn (priest), Edna May Homer, Rita Onslow

[8] Kenneth William Schofield

FLOWERS IN S. LUKE'S today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Derek Rose

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, Zara Pemberton
HOME COMMUNICANTS - Muriel Avenell, Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgley, 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/20260503/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Ps 65; 1Pet 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

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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

Grace

at the
Ground Level
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Faith on the Spectrum: Autism and the Christian Life

TALK BY

Kai McWhirter



Sunday 3rd May 2026 | S. Mark's Church, Swindon
Drinks at 6pm, Talk begins at 6:30pm

Join us for the second talk in the most recent instalment of our Grace on the Ground Level series.

Kai McWhirter, a member of the congregation at S. Mark's, will talk to us about his experiences as an autistic Christian.



Join us for our third talk on the 17th of May, delivered by Brother Leo of the Society of Saint Francis, on discerning the religious life.