



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 10th May 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday
Easter 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. Pancras

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. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer
S. Mark - 7pm Mass

Thursday
The Ascension of the Lord

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 9.30am Mass
S. Mark - 7.30pm Sung 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 17th May
7th 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 - 5pm Evening Prayer
S. Mark - 6pm Grace at the Ground Level Talk

GENEROUS GIVING CAMPAIGN - This 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."

Thank you to all of those who have already returned your Pledge Card and/or Gift Aid Declaration. Your generous giving is significantly appreciated and is absolutely vital to the life of this parish. Just a note to say that even if you are amending your standing order/bank transfer, please do return these cards. It is incredibly helpful to our Treasurer, John (john@psnt.uk), to know what is being given and will enable our parish finances to be budgeted accordingly. Also, if you pay income tax and are able to, please Gift Aid your giving - this is hugely beneficial to the parish as it allows us to claim back from the government 25% of your giving at no cost to you. In our last claim, we claimed back £18k. Thank you once again for your generosity.

GRACE AT THE GROUND LEVEL - A tremendous thanks to all of those who supported the second of three events in our current series of the Grace at the Ground Level talks. Kai's talk was incredibly informative and one which had clearly been well thought about. Thank you, Kai!

Please mark the next date firmly in your diaries! On 17 May, Br Leo - well known to this parish and a former member at S. Luke's - will come to speak to us about his journey of discernment and life as a Franciscan novice. Drinks will be served from 6pm, the talk will begin at 6.30pm. Please come along!

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP - Our monthly service of contemplative prayer is at 4.30pm today at S. Saviour's It is followed by Evening Prayer.

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.

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 Lauds at 9am on 4 June will conclude this period of adoration.

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

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

YEAR'S MIND

[10] Alexander George Gordon Ross (priest) [12] James Lovegrove, Kirk Kilbane [13] Harold James Ridout, Jim Cox, Antonio Gonsalves [14] Trevor Gervase Jalland (priest) [15] John Spurway, Francis Carter, Eileen Law, Peter Dawes (priest) [16] Eugenie Louisa (Jean) Watts, Doris Leach, Harry Martin

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 Lidgeley, Beryl & Les Howell, Cynthia Strudwick, Lynda Bishop

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.

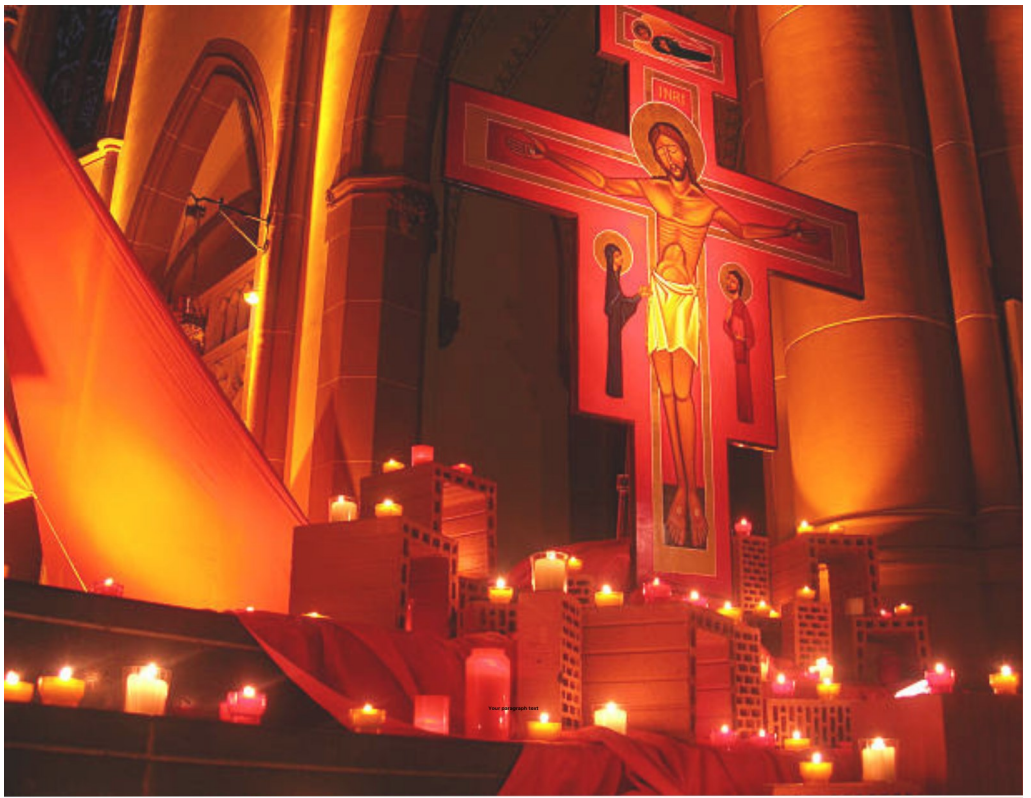
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For this week's readings see <https://universalis.com/20260510/mass.htm>
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Acts 1:12-14; Ps 26; 1Pet 4:13-16; John 17:1-11

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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



CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of the month - 4.30pm

Taizé-style Worship

Peaceful, reflective space for
prayer and contemplation



The Parish of
Swindon
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S. Saviour's Church
Ashford Road
SN1 3NS

Grace

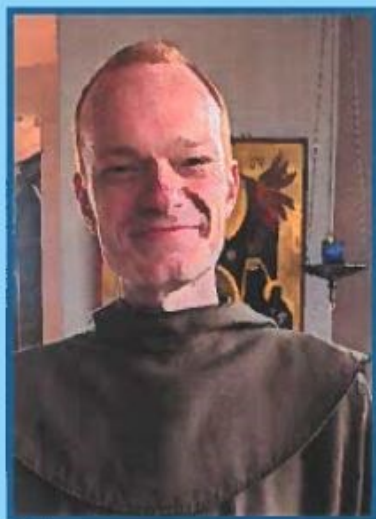
at the
Ground Level
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Holy Habits: Religious vocation in the Church of England

TALK BY

Brother Leo SSF



Sunday 17th May 2026 | S. Mark's Church, Swindon
Drinks at 6pm, Talk begins at 6:30pm

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

Brother Leo, a native Swindonian and now Franciscan friar, will relate to us his journey of discerning a vocation to the mendicant order.



Friday 24th July
4pm - 10pm
Saturday 25th July
Noon - 10pm

At the Parish Church of S. Mark the
Evangelist, Church Place, SN1 5EH
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£2 per drink

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- Bar snacks
- Live music from 6pm
both days

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