



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

**Sunday 24th May 2026
PENTECOST**

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday S. Aldhelm	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass S. Mark - 1-4pm Welcome Space S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer Theology in the Pub 7-9pm at the Glue Pot, Emlyn Sq
Tuesday S. Philip Neri	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 S. Augustine - 7pm Sung Mass
Wednesday S. Augustine of Canterbury	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 6pm Rosary praying for our streets S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer S. Mark - 7pm Mass
Thursday Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Luke - 9.30am Mass S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer Rosary Home Group 6.30pm at 162 William St
Friday S. Paul VI	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer S. Luke - 6pm Mass
Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani
Sunday 31st May Solemnity of the Most Holy Spirit	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

CHORAL EVENSONG - Our celebrations of Pentecost continue with Choral Evensong and Benediction this evening at 6pm at S. Mark's. Thank you to Tom Edwards and to the choir for all the work that goes into such beautiful music to enrich our worship.

S. AUGUSTINE'S DAY - Please come to S. Augustine's (on Summers St in Rodbourne) for their Patronal Festival Mass this Tuesday at 7pm. The Swindon New Town clergy are currently caring for S. Augustine's and we hope to continue to deepen the relationships between our congregations. The Mass will be followed by refreshments.

GENEROUS GIVING - Please do get your responses in for our giving campaign - we'll be announcing the response next Sunday (31 May). We are asking for a significant increase in giving so that we can secure the future of the parish, especially a Sunday Mass in each of our churches. If you would like any further information, please contact our PCC Treasurer, John Bishop john@psnt.uk. Please do return your pledge card and Gift Aid declaration. Thank you to everyone who gives generously to our parish.

ROSARY - The Holy Rosary will be offered at S. Mark's at 6pm on Wednesday as we continue our initiative to pray for particular streets within our parish. If you have any prayer requests for this month's rosary, please email prayer@psnt.uk.

CONFIRMATIONS - We are going to be starting preparation sessions for confirmation shortly for adults and for young people. If you are interested in being confirmed or would like to know more, please speak with the clergy.

THANK YOU to all those elected to our Parochial Church Council for their service to the Church in this parish. Sue Carvell, Pat Gordon and Carole Green have been re-elected as churchwardens. Thanks too to Chris Holland, David Tunley and Matt Winbow who join the PCC for the first time, and to John Bishop and Greta Davies who continue to serve as our PCC Treasurer and PCC Secretary respectively.

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.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY - There will be no Toddler Group this Monday, but Welcome Space will take place as usual.

THEOLOGY IN THE PUB - Our monthly discussion group will be meeting on Monday from 7pm for a 7.30pm start at the Glue Pot pub on Emlyn Square in the Railway Village.

THANK YOU to those who supported the recent Kentwood concert - it was a great evening and raised £335 for Parish funds. Hopefully they will make a return visit next year.

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

BEER FESTIVAL AT S. MARK'S - Tickets are now available for the 2026 Beer Festival - Friday 24 July (from 4pm to 10pm) and Saturday 25 July (noon to 10pm) online at <https://cccswindon.co.uk/page/tickets> Physical tickets will be available in the churches next month. We need sponsorship to make this a success. If you would like to support us by sponsoring a barrel or making a donation, or know any local businesses that may be willing to, please have a word with our Lay Reader, Carol, or email carol@psnt.uk. If you can help in any way, please speak to Carol Simmons

THE CARPET OF FLOWERS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI will be prepared at S. Mark's on Tuesday 2nd June from 10am. Anyone is welcome to come and help but please bring a pair of scissors/secateurs if you can?

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Raphael Mundo

YEAR'S MIND

[25] Peter Andrews (priest) [26] Joan Warner [27] Edward William Lewis, William Robinson, Violet Alice Davis, Jack Stanley Adams

[28] Gladys Taylor [30] Albert Lane, Robert Young, John Andrew Vittles

FLOWERS IN S. LUKE'S today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann and Jim Lovegrove.

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, Lynda Bishop

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/20260524/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Ex 34:4-6,8-9; Dan 3:52-56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

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



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

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