



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 16th August 2026 The ASSUMPTION of the BVM

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Monday
Feria**

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass
No Welcome Space Today
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer

**Tuesday
Feria**

S. Luke - 8am Mass
S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass followed by Open Church
Service of the Word - 11.15am at Kings Court
S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space and Free Shop
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday
S. John Eudes**

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

**Thursday
S. Bernard**

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 9.30am Mass
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer
Rosary Home Group 6.30pm at 162 William Street

**Friday
S. Pius X**

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 6pm Mass

**Saturday
Our Lady
Mother & Queen**

S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass
S. Aldhelm's - 10.30am Confirmation Preparation (for Adults)
S. Mark - 12.30pm Wedding of Shalini and Richard
S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani

**Sunday 23rd August
21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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

TODAY is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We rejoice that, at the end of her earthly life, Our Lady was taken body and soul into heaven. The Blessed Virgin participates in her Son's Resurrection in this particular way which is an anticipation of our resurrection to come. May Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, pray for us all.

CHORAL EVENSONG is **this evening** at 6pm at S. Mark's, followed by a cheese and wine party. All are welcome.

THIS EVENING will be our opportunity to say a big thank you to two significant members of our parish community. **Dr Tom Edwards**, our outstanding director of music at S. Mark's, is moving to Kent. **Cameron Stannard**, who has been a wonderful pastoral assistant, is off to start a postgraduate degree at St Andrew's in Scotland. **Please come tonight to say thank you and please keep them both in your prayers.**

PLEASE PRAY for Richard and Shalini, two members of our congregation at S. Mark's who will be married in church this Saturday. May the Lord bless and grant them many happy years together.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE - This year's Glastonbury Pilgrimage is on Saturday 5 September, with a Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul at 12 noon. Swindon New Town will be providing the servers this year. It would be good to have a good band of Swindon pilgrims. Please let the clergy know if you're planning to come and if you're driving and can give anyone a lift. The preacher will be the Fr Peter Anthony SSC, Vicar of All Saints, Margaret Street. For 30 minutes after Mass there will be stations for the sacrament of anointing, and confessions will be heard. It is necessary for all pilgrims over 16 year old to pay the £11 entry fee to the Abbey. We also need to prebook - please see the form online at <https://glastonburypilgrimage.co.uk/schedule-booking/>. Please remember to bring a picnic so we can all enjoy lunch together.

SUMMER CLUB - We'll be running activities for young people aged 11 and over all week at S. Mark's. It isn't too late to sign up. Please could parents/carers be in touch with Tom Dumbell tom@psnt.uk if you'd like to know more.

WELCOME SPACE - Because of the Summer Club activities there will be no Welcome Space at S. Mark's this week. S. Luke's Welcome Space will continue as normal, and we'll be back at S. Mark's next week.

S. SAVIOUR'S OPEN CHURCH - S. Saviour's will be open for prayer and to welcome visitors every Tuesday after the 9.30am Mass until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome. Please do come along.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL – The latest Grace at the Ground Level talks are now all available on YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/@SwindonNewTown – do have a look and share these with others. They include Kai's talk on Autism and the Christian Life, Br Leo SSF speaking about his journey to the Franciscan novitiate, and our young adults' panel on the quiet revival.



THE ANNUAL RIDE & STRIDE will take place on Saturday 12th September 2026. Participants may be cyclists or walkers and can be of any age. Visit as many churches as you like and seek sponsorship from friends. If you would like to take part, please contact office@psnt.uk for more details. It is important that our churches are open to welcome visitors. Please sign up if you are able to help with this.

FREE SHOP – As part of the S. Luke's Welcome Space on Tuesdays we run a "free shop", where people can get good quality second-hand clothes. We'd welcome donations of clean clothes in good condition at any of the churches for this. Thank you!

HALL CLEANER – We're seeking to recruit a hall cleaner both at S. Mark's and S. Aldhelm's, ideally beginning in September. Both posts pay the National Living Wage. The S. Mark's role is two hours a week – please speak to Carole Green for more information. The S. Aldhelm's role is three hours a week – please speak to Linda McEntee for more information (office@psnt.uk). The roles are separate but could be combined.

TRAINING FOR READERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND SERVERS – On 3 September, at 7pm, Fr Tim & Fr Adam will be hosting a session of training for all of those across the parish who read, lead intercessions, or serve at Mass. This will be held at S. Mark's. If you are involved in any of these ministries then please come to this session. Similarly, if you aren't currently involved in these ministries but would like to know more, please come along! If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Tim or Fr Adam.

CONFIRMATIONS – Bishop Paul will be with us to administer the sacrament of confirmation on Monday 5 October (the Mass will be at 7pm).

PREPARATION GROUP FOR ADULTS – meets on Saturdays at S. Aldhelm's at 10.30am (after the 10am Mass). If you'd like to know more, please speak to the clergy.

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN will start on Sunday September 6th at 3pm at S. Mark's. If you'd like to know more, please speak to Tom. tom@psnt.uk

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Susan White, Stuart Cameron

YEAR'S MIND

[16] Henry George Dennett, John Robert Edgar Fry [17] Reginald John Handley [19] Patricia Churchill [21] Anne Andrews [22] Roy Pearce

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, Lynn Thrussell, Kylie Lawson, Sally Hobbs, Carole New, James, Zara Pemberton, baby Ario, Santana Pinto, Graham Findlay, Julie Emmett

HOME COMMUNICANTS - Muriel Avenell, Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgely, Beryl & Les Howell, Cynthia Strudwick, Mary Steele-Davies

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/20260816/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Isa 22:19-23; Ps 137; Rom 11:33-36; Matt 16:13-20

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PLANNED GIVING- 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