



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 23rd August 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday
S. Bartholomew

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass
S. Mark – 1-4pm Welcome Space
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday
S. Louis

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

Wednesday
Bl. Dominic Barberi

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

Thursday
S. Monica

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Luke - 9.30am Mass
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer

Friday
S. Augustine

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 4pm Wedding of Yasmin and Sam
S. Luke - 6pm Mass

Saturday
The Beheading of
S. John the Baptist

S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass
S. Aldhelm's - 10.30am Confirmation Preparation (for Adults)
S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani

Sunday 30th August
22nd 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

BIBLE 101: UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE - Many catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it’s all about. Aided by a unique color-coded Bible Timeline Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God’s plan.

Our parish will begin the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* (as part of our new annual Bible 101 series) on Wednesday 9th September at 7.30pm following Mass. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, sign-up at the back of church, or contact Linda McEntee at office@psnt.uk.

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE - This year’s Glastonbury Pilgrimage is on **Saturday 5 September**, with a Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul at 12 noon. **If you're coming, please let Ricky Whitefield (ricky.whitefield@psnt.uk) know or sign the list at the back of church.** 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 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 – so please do let Ricky know if you'll be with us. Please also remember to bring a picnic so we can all enjoy lunch together.

PLEASE PRAY for Sam and Yasmin, two members of our congregation at S. Mark's who will be married in church this Friday. May the Lord bless and grant them many joyful years.

INTERCESSIONS LIST – We are going to be updating the intercessions list in September. Please let Linda in office have any names that you would like to keep on or add to the list.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY ON SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER - We will be launching our new All Age Mass which will happen monthly at S. Saviours. This is a new initiative to encourage some of our new Messy Church families as well as our uniformed organisations to come along. It will feature a more child friendly homily and some new music. We're also encouraging everyone to come along to this as it will be the first Sunday after the Summer holidays when many people are away. We will finish with brunch in the hall. Please put the date in your diaries!

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

[23] Robert Howell, Martyn Ricketts [24] Alice McLeod, Roger Ewart
Tomkins, Glenice Marks [28] Ann Rosalie Cook, Clifford Holley

[29] Kathleen May Tomkins

FLOWERS AT S. SAVIOUR'S today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Howell

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/20260823/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Jer 20:7-9; Ps 62; Rom 12:1-2; Matt 16:21-27

PARISH OFFICE - Contact Linda McEntee Tel: 01793 538220

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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