



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 6th September 2026 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday
Feria

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 9-10.30am Toddler Group
S. Mark - 12.30pm Mass
S. Mark – 1-4pm Welcome Space
S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday
The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

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
S. Luke - 7pm OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI SUNG MASS

Wednesday
Feria

S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer
S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer
S. Mark - 7pm Mass
S. Mark - 7.30pm Bible 101 course

Thursday
Feria

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

Friday
Feria

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

Saturday
The Most Holy Name
of Mary

S. Aldhelm - 10am Morning Prayer
S. Aldhelm - 10.30am Confirmation Preparation
S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani

Sunday 13th September
24th 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
S. Saviour - 4.30pm Contemplative Worship Followed by Evening Prayer

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) this 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.

OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI - This Tuesday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, kept in Goa as Our Lady of Good Health or Our Lady of Vailankanni. There will be a Sung Mass with readings and prayers in Konkani (English translations will be provided) at S. Luke’s at 7pm.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY AT S. SAVIOUR’S - Next Sunday (13 September) will be kept as a special day of invitation at S. Saviour’s, as we seek to welcome in new people to join our church community and welcome back those who have been away. Please do think who you can invite to church.

TODDLER GROUP AND YOUTH CLUB begin again this week after their summer break. The toddler group meets at St Mark's from 9am until 10.30am. There are toys and snacks for the children and coffee for the grown ups! The youth club meets from 7.30pm at St Saviour's Church Hall.

MESSY CHURCH is back after its summer break! We meet on Wednesday 16th September to ask God's blessing on the new school year and to learn all about the Holy Angels. Arts, crafts and activities, worship and a free hot meal. See you there!

FR TOBY WILL BE AWAY ON HIS SUMMER HOLIDAY for the coming fortnight. While he is away, please contact Fr Adam or Fr Tim with any urgent pastoral matters.

CRAFT HELP NEEDED - Do you have the craft skill to cover a small shoe box with gold wrapping paper? We're creating some themed story boxes for the crèche area at S. Mark's and could use your help. Please contact Chris Holland or the parish office if you can help. Thank you!

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE 'Swindon Food Collective is Swindon's primary food bank. During 2025 we supplied over 90,000 meals to the local community, a 3rd of meals provided were to children. During 2026 so far, we have seen a 22% increase in demand for food parcels, however donations are down. Not only do we supply food parcels to last families 3-5 days, but we work closely with the NHS providing 'Home From Hospital Bags', ensuring people have food, tea, coffee & milk for their return home.

If you are able to donate, these are the things that we most need:

Tinned Meat, Tinned Pies, Tinned Fish, Baked Beans, 1 ltr Bottles of Squash, Long Life Milk, Long Life Juice, Small Jars of Coffee, 500gms and 1kgs Sugar, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Plum Tomatoes, Tinned Vegetables, Tins / Packets of Soup, Tinned Puddings (e.g., Rice Pudding, Custard, Semolina), Angel Delight, Jellies.

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

YEAR'S MIND

[6] Marcus New [7] John Mantell, Susannah Holbrook [8] Phyllis Wheel
[11] Margot Barry, Arthur Atlay, Chris Dobb (priest)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Richard & Maddie Charman, John Wilson, Sue Davis, Margaret Stevenson, Roy Norton, Kayleigh Winbow, Barbara Sheppard, Carole New, James, Ario Daroudi, Julie Emmett, Maisie Rogers, Muriel Avenell

HOME COMMUNICANTS - , Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgeley, Beryl & Les Howell, Cynthia Strudwick, Jane Linnegar, Mary Steele-Davies, Helen Watt, Mary Gladman, Mike Jell

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/20260906/mass.htm>
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 102; Rom 14:7-9; Matt 18:21-35

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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