



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 20th September 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday
S. Matthew

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
Feria

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
S. Pius of
Pietrelcina

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

Thursday
Our Lady of
Walsingham

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
Ss. Cosmos
& Damian

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

Sunday
27th September
26th 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. Mark - 6pm Choral Evensong & Benediction

YOUNG ADULTS GUILD - This evening, our Guild of S. Thérèse of Lisieux, meets at 5pm for evening prayer followed by a social.

CLERGY AWAY - Fr Toby is away for his well-earned summer holiday. Please speak to Fr Adam or Fr Tim for any pastoral matters.

THANK YOU! - A big thank you to everyone who helped at our Come To Church Sunday at S. Saviour's. Several members of our Messy Church community joined us as did several people we haven't seen for a while. It was lovely to see St Saviour's so full.

JULIE EMMETT - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Julie Emmett, who died last week. She was Churchwarden at S. Mark's for many years. Jesu, mercy; Mary, pray.

PCC MEETING - The PCC will meet, at S. Mark's, on Monday 28th September following the 7pm Mass.

FORUM AT S. SAVIOUR'S - This will be an informal meeting, in the hall, after the Mass on Sunday 4th October. Please do come along and share your thought and ideas about S. Saviour's and how we might increase our numbers. Refreshments will be served.

WELCOME SPACE HELPERS - We need more people to join our team at Welcome Space 1-4pm on a Monday at S. Mark's. This has become a really successful event, reaching out to members of the local community and beyond. We serve tea and coffee and light lunches and provide a listening ear. Many members of our church come to have a coffee and a chat. In order for this event to continue being a success, we need more people to help run it. If we could have 8 new volunteers, they would only need to do it once a month each! Please speak to Tom about helping out.

WELCOME SPACE- At S. Mark's runs from 1pm to 4pm on Mondays. The Welcome Space, with Free Shop, at S. Luke's runs from 1pm to 3pm on Tuesdays. Everyone is welcome - please do come and support these. If you feel able to help, please contact Tom tom@psnt.uk

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.

YOUTH GROUP - Our Group, for 11-17 year olds, runs Fridays from 7.30-9.30pm at S. Saviour's Church hall with games, activities and a tuck shop.

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 especially welcome donations of mens winter clothes in good condition. These can be taken to any of our churches or the parish office. Thank you!

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. 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.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS - Donations can be brought into any of our churches or the parish office at any time of year, but we will be having a special collection on Sunday 11th October when we celebrate Harvest.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY - October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The rosary home group will meet at Tom's (162 William Street) every Thursday during October at 6.30pm. It will be followed by a cup of tea. If you would like to know more contact Tom tom@psnt.uk

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 run on Tuesday's at 4pm at S. Mark's. If you'd like to know more, please speak to Tom. tom@psnt.uk

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 will be out soon. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Tim

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Julie Emmett

YEAR'S MIND

[21] John Sweet [22] Patricia Hulbert [23] Ada Goudge [24] William House
[25] Stanley William King [26] Wilfred Nichols, Iris Allnatt

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, The Davis Family and Holly Chapman, Lourenco Gonsalves

HOME COMMUNICANTS - , Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgley, 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/20260920/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Ezek 18:25-28; Ps 24; Phil 2:1-11; Matt 21:28-32

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