



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 27th September 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday	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. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer S. Mark - 7pm Mass S. Mark - 7.30pm Bible 101 course
Thursday	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. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer S. Luke - 6pm Mass S. Saviour - 7.30pm Youth Group
Saturday	S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Aldhelm - 10.30am Confirmation Preparation S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani
Sunday 4th October 27th 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

CONFIRMATIONS – Bishop Paul will be with us to celebrate Mass and to administer the sacrament of confirmation on **Monday 5 October**, just over a week away. The confirmation Mass will be at **7pm at S. Mark's**. The confirmations are always an important and joyful event in the life of the parish as we gather round our bishop. Please do come and please pray for the candidates.

CHORAL EVENSONG – Our monthly service of Choral Evensong and Benediction at S. Mark's is at 6pm this evening. We'll be welcoming back Katrine Reimers our former director of music to play. Evensong is a beautiful and prayerful way to prepare for the working week. Do come and invite friends.

PCC MEETING - The Parochial Church Council, the parish's charity trustees, will meet this Monday evening at S. Mark's. This will be preceded by Mass at 7pm to which everyone is welcome.

CONFIRMATION REFRESHMENTS - There is a sign at the back of each church for the buffet for the confirmation. We are asking that S. Mark's provide sandwiches, S. Luke's provide savoury snacks and S. Saviour's provide cakes.

PRAYING FOR OUR STREETS – Every month we leaflet streets in our parish to ask people for their prayer requests, these are then offered at a special monthly rosary at S. Mark's and at the Taizé service at S. Saviour's. This month's praying for our streets rosary is 7pm at S. Mark's this Wednesday.

CLERGY CONFERENCE – The clergy will be away for part of this week at the Diocesan clergy conference. Morning prayer and evening prayer will take place as usual. On Wednesday and Thursday we'll pray the holy rosary in place of the Mass.

THE GUILD OF S. THÉRÈSE DE LISIEUX - Our next young adults Guild gathering will be a Mass in honour of the Feast of our Patroness, S. Thérèse (transferred). This will take place on Sunday 5th October at 5pm in the Lady Chapel of S. Mark's. All young adults across the parish are welcome to attend and bring friends. New Guild Members can receive the Guild Rule at this Mass, and a festive time of celebration is planned afterwards. Please speak to Fr Adam or Ricky Whitefield for further information.

OLW PARISH PILGRIMAGE PRAYER CARDS - Those pilgrims who went to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in June will remember using a prayer to Our Lady of the New Evangelisation, and receiving homemade cards from Fr Adam. We now have some lovely new prayer cards, printed professionally, for those who would like them. They can be found at the back of church. If you were not on the pilgrimage you are also welcome to take one, but please do so from next Sunday, as cards are limited.

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 men's 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

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

[27] Toby Wilson, Philip Smith [28] Joan Irene Ruggles [29] Peggy Dance
[30] Maurice Edwards, William Sadler [1st October] Audrey Wheeler
[2] Wilfred Milsom [3] Doris Comley

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 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/20260927/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Isa 5:1-7; Ps 79; Phil 4:6-9; Matt 21:33-43

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