



The Parish of
**Swindon
New Town**

MESSENGER

Sunday 4th October 2026 27th 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 - 7pm SUNG MASS WITH CONFIRMATIONS
Tuesday S. Bruno	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 Our Lady of the Rosary	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Augustine - 10am Mass 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 S. John Henry Newman	S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer S. Luke - 6pm Mass S. Saviour - 7.30pm Youth Group
Saturday S. Paulinus of York	S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani
Sunday 11th October 28th 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 Prayer

CONFIRMATIONS - Bishop Paul will be with us tomorrow, Monday 5 October, to administer the vivifying and strengthening sacraments of baptism and confirmation, to celebrate Mass and to preach. **The confirmation Mass is at 7pm at S. Mark's.** Please do make it a priority to be there - it is an important occasion in the life of the Church. The Mass will be followed by a party in the hall.

PLEASE PRAY for the candidates. To be baptized and confirmed - Roderick and Elliott; to be confirmed - Aayla, Jovanni, Adib, Ella and Zsuzsanna Timari.

PLEASE PRAY also for Francis, who will be baptized during the 10.30am Mass at S. Mark's this morning and for his parents, Gavin and Becca.

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.

GUILD VOTIVE MASS - This will take place on tonight 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.

HARVEST GIFTS - Please bring harvest gifts to church next week. The food collected will go to the Swindon Food Collective, supporting local families in need.

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

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.

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

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE - We have booked the dates for our 2027 Walsingham Pilgrimage - Monday 6 September to Friday 10 September. All are welcome, please contact Linda office@psnt.uk if you are interested so that we can check we have spaces.

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!

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

TODDLER GROUP - The toddler group meets at S. Mark's from 9am until 10.30am. There are toys and snacks for the children and coffee for the grown ups! If you would like to know more contact tom@psnt.uk

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.

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.

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, Beryl Webb

YEAR'S MIND

[4] Allan Hawkins (priest) [5] Rosalie Comley, Linda Mayall [6] Agnes Hetherington, Ted Bunting [7] Harry Davis, Bessie Lane, Ray Groves [9] Sarah Still [10] Bessie Poletti, Peter Furkins

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 Lidgely, 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/20261004/mass.htm>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Isa 25:6-10; Ps 22; Phil 4:12-14; Matt 22:1-14

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

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER
SUNG MASS WITH

CONFIRMATION

CELEBRATED BY THE
BISHOP OF OSWESTRY

Service at 7.00pm
followed by refreshments

Parish Church of S. Mark
Church Place, SN1 5EH



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YOU ARE INVITED TO

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Harvest

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

4.30 - 6.30PM

S. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, ASHFORD ROAD

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CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES, COOKING,

WORSHIP AND A HOT MEAL

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S. Saviour's
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