The Parish of Swindon New Town

MESSENGER

Sunday 22nd November 2026
CHRIST THE KING

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH	
Monday **Pope St Clement I**	**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** **S. Mark - 7pm Mass followed by PCC meeting**
Tuesday **Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**	**S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer** **S. Saviour - 9.30am Mass** **S. Saviour - 10am - 12noon Welcome Space** **S. Luke - 12.30pm Mass** **S. Luke - 1-3pm Welcome Space and Free Shop** **S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer**
Wednesday **S. Catherine of Alexandria**	**S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer** **S. Mark - 6.30pm Evening Prayer** **S. Mark - 7pm Requiem Mass**
Thursday **Feria**	**S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer** **S. Luke - 9.30am Mass** **S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer** **Rosary Home Group 6.30pm at 162 William Street**
Friday **Feria**	**S. Mark - 8.45am Morning Prayer** **S. Luke - 12.30pm Mass** **S. Mark - 5pm Evening Prayer** **S. Saviour - 7.30pm Youth Group**
Saturday **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	**S. Aldhelm - 10am Mass** **S. Mark - 10.30am Understanding Dementia Training** **S. Luke - 6pm Vigil Mass with readings in Konkani**
Sunday 29th Nov **First Sunday of Advent**	**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 Advent Carols**

PCC MEETING – the Parochial Church Council will meet at S. Mark's on Monday 23 November, beginning with Mass at 7pm.

ADVENT CAROLS – There will be a service of Advent Carols and Readings at S. Mark's at 6pm on Advent Sunday (29 November). This is a very beautiful service – please do come and bring friends.

ADOREMUS PILGRIMAGE - Fr Toby writes: "*Nine members of the Guild of S. Therese, our young adults' group, are on the pilgrimage this weekend to Walsingham. Please pray for them. What a wonderful sign it is of the vitality of our parish that we have such a number of young adults on this pilgrimage this year! Thanks be to God for this. Please pray too for Fr Adam who is one the team leading this pilgrimage.*"

DEMENTIA TRAINING - This Saturday (28 November) at S. Mark's, beginning at 10.30am with tea and coffee, we'll be hosting a session to improve our welcome as churches entitled Understanding Dementia - becoming a Dementia Friend. This will be run by Karen Owens from the Alzheimer's Society. All are welcome. If you'd like to know more, please be in contact with Greta Davies (greta@psnt.uk). There is no charge for the course and everyone is welcome to take part.

NUTRITION WORKSHOP - Ella, who worships at S. Mark's and S. Saviour's and is a registered nutritionist and a nutrition therapy practitioner will be giving a talk at S. Mark's at 2pm on Saturday 5 December on supporting your immune system and staying well. The session will focus on empowering you to make healthy changes that help keep you well this winter. Bring along family and friends; it's open to everyone and there is no charge. No prior nutrition knowledge needed.

BERYL HOWELL RIP – Please continue to pray for Les, and for the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Beryl's funeral will be held at S. Mark's on Tuesday 1st December at 12.30pm.

PETER GEMBARSKI RIP - Wednesday's Mass will be a Requiem Mass offered for the repose of the soul of our departed parishioner and friend Peter Gembarski on the second anniversary of his death. Please pray too for Izia and for their daughters Eve and Lucy.

MIKE JELL RIP – Mike had been at the heart of the life of S. Saviour's for many years, along with his dear late wife, Sue. Please pray for their sons Edward, David, Robert and Richard, and for Mike and Sue's grandchildren. Mike's Funeral Mass will be at S. Saviour's at 12.30pm on Tuesday, 8 December.

PHILIP WHITE RIP – Philip will be greatly missed across the parish, serving the life of S. Luke's especially with much love and devotion. Please pray for his family and friends. We'll circulate details of Philip's funeral as soon as we have them.

WELCOME SPACE AT S. SAVIOUR'S – This runs every Tuesday in the hall at S. Saviour's from 10am to 12 noon – a safe, warm space where everyone is welcome. Whether you want to meet new people or just get out of the house for a couple of hours, have a coffee, play board games or chat, you will be very welcome. If you'd like to help or get involved please speak to Linda McEntee or Pat Gordon at S. Saviour's.

THE NEXT CHURCH CLEANING DAY, at S. Mark's, will be Saturday 5th December from 10am with refreshments! The last clean was a great success so please come along if you can? Thank you Carole Green (Churchwarden)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:
Thursday, 3 December, S. Francis Xavier, Sung Konkani Mass at 7pm at S. Luke's.
Monday, 8 December, The Immaculate Conception, Sung Mass at 7.30pm at S. Mark's.
Wednesday, 16 December, Messy Advent from 4.30pm at S. Saviour's.
Sunday, 20 December, Community Carols at 6pm at S. Luke's.
Tuesday, 22 December, Nine Lessons & Carols at 7.30pm at SM

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.

TODAY WE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DEPARTED

David Smith, Mike Jell, Beryl Howell, Brian Kiernan, Philip White, John Davies

YEAR'S MIND

[22] Bill Still [24] Tom Still, Rosalind Mary CSMV, Catherine Rowley, Peter Gembarski [25] Olive Farr [26] Elizabeth Bennett [27] Christopher Vincent

FOR YOUR PRAYERS - Richard & Maddie Charman, John Wilson, Sue Davis, Margaret Stevenson, Roy Norton, Kayleigh Winbow, Barbara Sheppard, Carole New, James, Muriel Avenell, Lourenco Gonsalves, Michael Reilly

HOME COMMUNICANTS - Betty Mitchell, Owen Shellard, Maurice Lidgeley, Les Howell, Cynthia Strudwick, Jane Linnegar, Mary Steele-Davis, Helen Watt, Mary Gladman, Shirley Fry

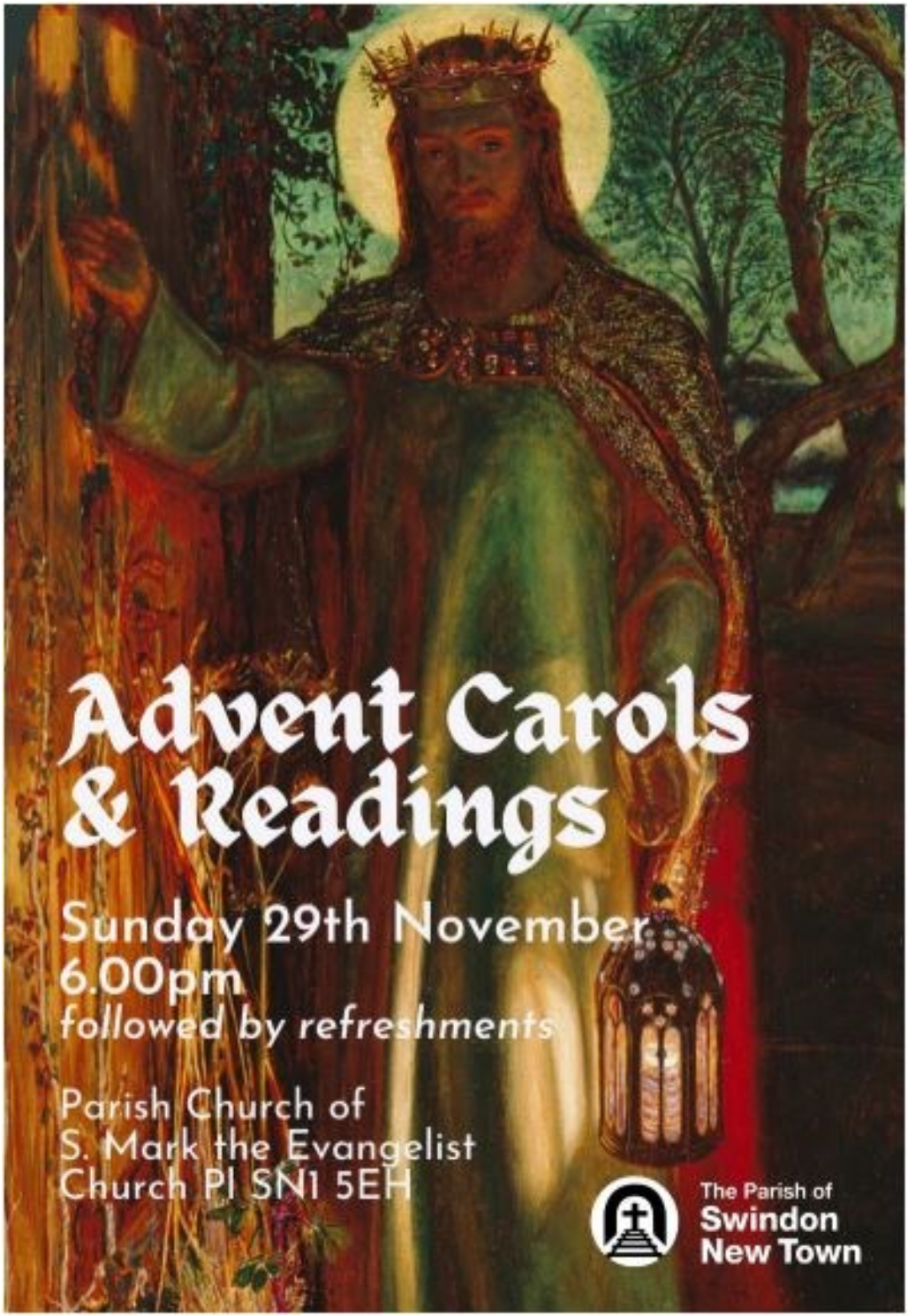
PASTORAL CARE - Please do feel free to call the clergy if there is anything they can do to support you or others you know with any pastoral or spiritual needs.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS Isa 63:16-17, 64:11-8; Ps 79; 1Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37
For this week's readings see https://universalis.com/20261122/mass.htm

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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


Advent Carols
& Readings
Sunday 29th November
6.00pm
followed by refreshments
Parish Church of
S. Mark the Evangelist
Church Pl SN1 5EH
The Parish of
Swindon
New Town