

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 17th February, 2019 Sixth Sunday of the Year Racial Justice Sunday

### FEAST DAYS

#### Thursday 21st February St Peter Damian

(1007 - 1072) Saint Peter Damian was born at Ravenna. As the Prior of a community of hermits, he promoted an enthusiastic religious observance. He was appointed as Papal Legate and was a noted peacemaker and reformer. He was the Bishop of Ostia and a Cardinal. Following his death he was immediately venerated as a saint.

#### Friday 22nd February Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

This ancient feast from the fourth century celebrates the unity of the Church through the primacy of St. Peter and his successors.

#### Saturday 23rd February St Polycarp

Polycarp died C.155 at the age of 86. He was a disciple of St. John and bishop of Smyrna. He was burned at the stake. After his death he was one of the first martyrs venerated by the Church.

#### Sunday 24th February Seventh Sunday of the Year

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 16th	5:30pm	Mass - Holy Souls	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 17th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Private Intention (Oleksik)	
Monday 18th	9:30am	Mass - For the Sick (PG)	
Tuesday 19th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention	
Wednesday 20th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention	
Thursday 21st	8:00am	Mass - Special Intention	
Friday 22nd	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Bishop Robert Byrne's intentions Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) Michael Thesiger RIP	
Saturday 23rd	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private Intention Mass - Alice Key (RIP)	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 24th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Special Intention	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* After all Masses  
on request

- ❖ **THIS SUNDAY** is a day of special prayer for Racial Justice, in particular for those facing exploitation in their place of work. Our Bishops have issued some prayer cards for this, which can be found at the back of the church.
- ❖ **BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN:** The Vatican announced on Wednesday that Pope Francis has signed the decree recognising the authenticity of a miracle of physical healing through the intercession of Blessed John Henry. The case concerns a young woman from Chicago who was suffering terrible bleeding during a pregnancy, so much so that the life of her child was threatened. She prayed simply and directly to Blessed John Henry that the bleeding should stop - it did, there and then. The child was eventually born completely healthy. It will be a cause of great joy to many around the world that the great 19th-century convert to the Catholic Faith is now set to be proclaimed a Saint of the Church. The Vatican has yet to announce the date of the canonisation ceremony, but we can confidently expect that it will take place in Rome this coming autumn.
- ❖ **LENT** begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Time to start thinking about what you might do to mark the season. How about trying to get to an extra Mass during the week?

### Quotation

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me, which He has not committed to another. I have my mission - I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever, wherever I am. I cannot be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me - still He knows what He is about."

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman (died 1890).

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Congregation: 105 Adults & 11 Young People

Thank you, God bless  
*Fr. Paul.*