

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 3rd March, 2019 Eighth Sunday of the Year Day for the Unemployed

### FEAST DAYS

#### Monday 4th March St. Casimir

Casimir died in 1484. He was a Prince of Poland, he led an austere life and was a great friend of the poor. Patron of Poland and Lithuania

#### Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday

The Season of Lent begins today. The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism the season of Lent disposes the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery.

#### Thursday 7th March Ss Perpetua and Felicity

Perpetua and Felicity died during a persecution at Carthage c.230. Both were married, their husbands died with them but the contemporary account of their martyrdom concentrates upon them.

#### Friday 8th March St John of God

(1495 - 1550) This Spanish soldier lapsed from the faith but at the age of 42 was converted once more. After advice from St John of Avila he dedicated his life to the sick and the poor. He founded his Order of Brothers Hospitallers.

#### Saturday 9th March St. Frances of Rome

(1384 - 1440) A Roman noblewoman, wife and mother who founded a community of women Benedictine oblates who were dedicated to caring for the poorest people of Rome. She herself joined the community when she became a widow.

#### Sunday 10th March First Sunday of Lent Day for the Unemployed

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 2nd	5:30pm	Mass - Henry Key (RIP)	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 3rd	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - Jeanne Sutton RIP Mass (EF) - For the People of the Parish	
Monday 4th	NB 6:00pm	Mass - Pauline Till RIP	
Tuesday 5th	9:30am	Mass - Dilys Meyrick RIP	
Wednesday 6th	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass - Special Intention Mass - Nancie Owen RIP	
Thursday 7th	NB 6:00pm	Mass - Dumitru Angheliu RIP	
Friday 8th	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Special Intention Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) For all prisoners	
Saturday 9th	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private Intention Mass - Peter Jackson (RIP)	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 10th	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Mass (EF) - For the People of the Parish	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* After all Masses  
on request

- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend we have the annual Second Collection for the Maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham.
- ❖ **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. There will be Mass at 9.30am and 7pm, with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes at both Masses.
- ❖ **WHAT SHALL I DO FOR LENT?** Some suggestions for Lent, apart from the usual practice of giving something up. Come to Mass during the week. Come to Stations of the Cross on Sunday afternoon. Take and use a copy of "Walk with me" - available at the back of Church and containing a useful meditation for each day. Give to the Lent Alms appeal. Read part of the Bible each day. Say the Rosary. Please do something to mark this special time of the Church's year.
- ❖ **LENT ALMS:** This year any money you give to the Lent Alms will be sent to help pay the fees for a student preparing for the priesthood in the foreign missions. In Sri Lanka, for example, it costs just £700 a year, but the local church struggles to find this amount. Anything you give will be sent to help to prepare a new priest for the future.
- ❖ **MASS ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY** will be at 6pm, as I have hospital appointments on both of those mornings.
- ❖ **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** The Swynnerton UCM meets in the Presbytery this Tuesday at 1.30pm. Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Mothers is more than welcome to come along.
- ❖ **BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** takes place from Saturday May 25th to Friday May 31st/Saturday June 1st. Travel by coach from £444.00; by air from £774.00. If you are interested please speak to me, or contact Tangney Tours at [www.tangney-tours.com](http://www.tangney-tours.com) Application forms for sick pilgrims should be requested at : [admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk)

### Quotation

"Fasting is only one branch of a large and momentous duty, the subdual of ourselves to Christ. We must surrender to Him all we have, all we are. We must keep nothing back."

*Blessed John Henry Newman (died 1890), from one of his Catholic Sermons.*

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 215.00
	Loose	£ 199.30
		£ 414.30
Congregation:	105 Adults & 9 Young People	

*Thank you, God bless*  
*J. Paul.*