

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 2nd December, 2018 Advent Sunday

FEAST DAYS

Monday 3rd December St Francis Xavier

Migrants' Day

(1506- 1552) St Francis Xavier was born near Pamplona in what is now Spain and studied in Paris, where he became a follower of St Ignatius of Loyola. A founding member of the Society of Jesus, he tirelessly brought the Gospel to India, Borneo, Indonesia and Japan. He died of fever on Shangchuan Island in 1552 while travelling to China.

Tuesday 4th December St. Jofin Damascene

John Damascene was born in the late seventh century. He was a monk and a priest at the monastery of Saint Sabbas in Jerusalem. He is remembered for defending the faith and his devotion to Our Lady. He died in the year 749.

Wednesday 5th December St. Birinus

Birinus died in 650. He was sent by Pope Honorius I from Italy to continue the evangelisation of Britain. He Established his see at Dorchester-on-Thames, he built churches and laboured among the West Saxons for fifteen years.

Thursday 6th December St. Nicholas

Nicholas lived in the 4th Century. He was the bishop of Myra, in present day Turkey. Little is known about his life, but he has had a long and popular cult in both East and West. He is the Patron of children, sailors, merchants and Russia.

Friday 7th December St. Ambrose

Ambrose died in 397. Born at Trier of noble parents, while a catechumen he was chosen by popular acclaim as the Bishop of Milan. He was a model pastor and preacher. He baptised St. Augustine of Hippo and he is one of the four Doctors of the Latin Church.

Saturday 8th December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 9th December Second Sunday of Advent

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 1st Dec	5:30pm	Mass - Les Whitton RIP	11:00-11:30 am*
Sunday 2nd	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Benediction Mass (EF) - Deceased Relatives, Friends & Benefactors of St Paul's Sisters	
Monday 3rd	9:30am	Mass - Jim Clarke intentions	
Tuesday 4th	9:30am	Mass - Mr & Mrs Murphy RIP	
Wednesday 5th	9:30am	Mass - Dr Tom Patterson intentions	
Thursday 6th	8:00am	Mass - Fr Petroc Howell RIP	
Friday 7th	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Holy Souls (November List) Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) For all Prisoners	
Saturday 8th	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private Intention Mass - Fred & Flo Chambers RIP	11:00-11:30 am*
Sunday 9th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Holy Souls (November List)	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* After all Masses
on request

- ❖ **BENEDICTION:** To mark the start of the Season of Advent there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5.15 on Sunday.
- ❖ **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** The monthly meeting of our UCM will take place on Tuesday in the Presbytery, starting at 1.30pm.
- ❖ **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** Saturday sees one of Our Lady's greatest feasts. There will be a Mass in Latin at 10am.
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** I hope the list of Services for Christmas and New Year will be available shortly.
- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend we have the annual Second Collection for the Poor Parishes Fund, which helps support the smaller parishes in the Diocese. We are included in that category, so the Collection is of direct benefit to us here.

Quotation

"A smile is one of the most beautiful things which God has given to the Earth"
Pope Pius XII (died 1958).

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 200.00
	Loose	£ 260.00
		£ 460.00
Special	Catholic Youth Service	£ 146.15
	Donation	£ 80.00
Congregation:	96 Adults & 13 Young People	

Thank you, God bless
J. Paul.