

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 9th December, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

FEAST DAYS

Monday 10th December St. Edmund Gennings

Edmund died in 1591. Born in Lichfield he converted to Catholicism and trained in Rheims. He returned to England and within a month he was arrested whilst celebrating Mass in the home of Swithun Wells in London. He was martyred at the age of 24.

Tuesday 11th December St. Damascus

Damascus was born about the year 305. During troubled times for the Church he was chosen to be pope. He defended the Church against heretics and promoted devotion to the martyrs and he embellished their tombs with sacred verse. He died in the year 384.

Wednesday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe

On the 9 December 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St Juan Diego and left an image of herself imprinted upon his cloak. The image was placed in a magnificent shrine at Guadalupe where it became an object of great devotion and encouraged the devotion of the Mexican nation towards the Mother of God. Many miracles were attributed to her intercession and Our Lady of Guadalupe was named as 'Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas'. She is Patroness of the Unborn.

Thursday 13th December St. Lucy

(Fourth Century) She died at Syracuse (Sicily), probably during the persecution of Diocletian. From antiquity, her cult spread throughout the Church. Her name is in the Roman Canon.

Friday 14th December St. John of the Cross

(1542 - 1591) St John was born in Spain. After a number of years as a Carmelite, he was persuaded by St Teresa of Jesus to lead the reform of his Order. He suffered many tribulations. A renowned mystic, he wrote much on prayer and the mystery of the Cross.

Saturday 15th December Bl. Antony Grassi

Antony Grassi was born at Fermo in the Marche of Italy on 13th November, 1592. From his earliest days he led a simple and austere life, frequenting the church of the Oratory in his home town. He entered the Congregation of Fermo on 11th October, 1609, and was ordained priest on 17th December, 1617. Antony exercised his priestly ministry in instructing the ignorant, comforting the weak, visiting the sick and imprisoned, helping the troubled and encouraging youth in the ways of holiness.

Sunday 16th December Third Sunday of Advent

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 8th	5:30pm	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)	
Monday 10th	NB 6:00pm	Mass - Bridget Gilroy RIP	
Tuesday 11th	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls (November List)	
Wednesday 12th	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls (November List)	
Thursday 13th	8:00am	Mass - Holy Souls (November List)	
Friday 14th	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Holy Souls (November List) Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) Clare Eastwood RIP	
Saturday 15th	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private Intention Mass - Agnes & Les Whitton Snr. RIP	11:00-11:30 am*
Sunday 16th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Fr Peter Lessiter RIP	

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 Small or Poor Parishes Fund. As our parish gets a quarterly contribution from the Fund, the collection is very important to us here.
- ❖ **MASS ON MONDAY** will be at 6pm as I have my regular hospital appointment in the morning.
- ❖ **HOLY MATRIMONY:** Our congratulations to Camilla Fitzherbert and Harry Turner who are to be married in our church this coming Saturday. We pray for a long and happy marriage for them.
- ❖ **CAROL SERVICE:** This year's joint Carol Service will be in St Mary's Church on Sunday December 23rd, starting at 4pm. Please give it your best support.
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** I hope a card giving Christmas Mass times will be available next weekend. However, please note there will not be Midnight Mass this year. The Mass of Christmas Night will be at 8.30pm, preceded by Carols from 8pm. On Christmas Day there will be the usual Mass at 10am.

Quotation

"Who has ever seen people persuaded to love God by harshness?"

St John of the Cross (died 1591), the Spanish Carmelite friar and mystic, whose feast we keep this Friday..

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 204.00
	Loose	£ 217.05
		£ 421.05

Congregation: 89 Adults & 6 Young People

Thank you, God bless
J. Paul.