

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 21st May, 2017 Sixth Sunday of Easter

FEAST DAYS

Monday 22nd May St Rita of Cascia

As a youngster, Rita showed great interest in Religious Life. However, her parents were not supportive and betrothed her in marriage at the age of 18. It was an unhappy, often abusive and violent marriage. After 18 years of marriage her husband was murdered and she was then able to enter the Augustinian convent at Cascia. She is the patron saint of lost causes, those in difficult marriages, and victims of domestic abuse.

Thursday 25th May St. Bede the Venerable

(673 - 735) St Bede was born in England. As a Benedictine Monk, he was, 'the most observant and the happiest of all monks : His writings were full of sound doctrine so he was called 'Venerable' while still alive. He wrote commentaries on Holy Scripture and treatises on theology and history. He died at Jarrow, England.

Friday 26th May St. Philip Neri

Founder of the Oratory
(1515 - 1595) St Philip Neri was born in Florence, he was ordained a priest in 1551 and founded the Congregation of the Oratory. He is noted for his zeal in converting sinners through the Sacrament of Penance. He was a catechist and a spiritual guide of extraordinary talent. He died at eighty years of age.

Saturday 27th May St. Augustine of Canterbury

(+605) St Augustine was sent by St Gregory the Great to England to convert the English people to Christianity. He baptised King Ethelbert of Kent and many of his subjects. At Canterbury, he erected a monastery and there established his Episcopal See.

Sunday 28th May The Ascension of the Lord

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 20th	5:30pm	Mass - Sr Brigid Keenan intentions	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 21st	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Special Intention (Oleksik)	
Monday 22nd	9:30am	Mass - Sr Marie de Chantal intentions	
Tuesday 23rd	9:30am	Mass - Sr Clare Halpin intentions	
Wednesday 24th	9:30am	Mass - Bishop Leo McCartie intentions	
Thursday 25th	8:00am	Mass - Mary Whittam RIP	
Friday 26th	NB 9:00am	Mass - Andrew Brown RIP	
Saturday 27th	5:30pm	Mass - Kitty Irwin intentions	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 28th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Anne Nott RIP	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* After all Masses on request

- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** Please note that next weekend there will be the annual Second Collection for "Catholic Communications", to support the Church's work in our country with the media and other means of communicating the Gospel.
- ❖ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** Please pray for two of our children, Olivia and Helen, who are to make their First Holy Communion this Monday, at St Dominic's Church in Stone.
- ❖ **DAY OF EXPOSITION:** Our Parish's annual Day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is fixed for Saturday June 3rd, the Vigil of Pentecost. During the day we are urged to pray especially for vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese. The day begins with Mass (it is an Extraordinary Form Saturday Mass) at 10am, after which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. Benediction will end the day at 5pm, before the normal Saturday evening Mass. A form will be available at the back of church to enable you to sign up for half-an-hour (or more!) to spend before the Blessed Sacrament.
- ❖ **CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC:** On Saturday June 10th at 7.30pm there will be a concert of sacred music in our church, performed by the Ashley Voices & Music Choir, accompanied by AMS Instrumentalists. Amongst other items, the choir will perform a beautiful setting of the Mass, entitled "O Magnum Mysterium", by the Spanish polyphonic composer, Victoria. Admittance is free, but donations are welcome for church funds. Full details can be found on the poster in the church porch..
- ❖ **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Members of the Finance Committee are reminded there is a meeting in the Presbytery this Tuesday, May 23rd, at 7pm.

Quotation

"The best way to prepare for death is to spend every day of life as though it were the last. Think of the end of worldly honour, wealth and pleasure, and ask yourself: And then? And then?"

St Philip Neri (died 1595), Founder of the Congregation of the Oratory, whose feast day falls this Friday.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£	197.00
	Loose	£	214.10
		£	411.10
Congregation:	125 Adults & 20 Young People		

Thank you, God bless

Fr. Paul.