

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 25th June, 2017 Twelfth Sunday of the Year

### FEAST DAYS

#### Tuesday 27th June St. Cyril of Alexandria

(370 - 444) St Cyril was the Patriarch of Alexandria in Egypt. He was the most acute and profound theologian. As bishop and doctor, he became the glory of the Church in Egypt. During the Council of Ephesus, he defended the oneness of the person in Jesus Christ and the divine maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary against the heresy of Nestorius.

#### Wednesday 28th June St. Irenaeus

(130 - 202) He was a disciple of St Polycarp of Smyrna. At a time when Gnostic sects threatened to undermine Christianity by a perversion of Christian thought, St Irenaeus vigorously denounced all heresies and safeguarded unity of belief. He succeeded the martyred St Pothinus in the See of Lyons

#### Thursday 29th June Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles. (Holyday of Obligation)

St. Peter died c. 64. Leader of the Apostles, a fisherman from Bethsaida, witness of the Transfiguration and the Agony in the Garden. Called Cephas by Christ as the 'rock', the pre-eminent leader of the early Church. Very early tradition linked him to the Church in Rome as its first Bishop and being martyred under the persecution of Nero.

St. Paul died c.65. Apostle of the Gentiles. A Jew born in Tarsus who dramatically changed from being a persecutor to the great missionary of Christianity. Through his letters he did much to further Christian theology. According to tradition he was beheaded as a Roman citizen during the persecution of Nero.

#### Friday 30th June First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

The Church celebrates this feast in memory of the martyrs of the persecution under Nero at about 64AD. Many Christians were killed with atrocious torments. They were people of all professions and levels of society.

#### Saturday 1st July St Oliver Plunkett

(1629 - 1681) St Oliver Plunkett was ordained a priest in 1654 after studying at the Irish College, Rome. He stayed on in Rome as a professor and a representative of the Irish bishops. In 1669 he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland. He did much to reorganise and strengthen the Irish church, despite being forced into hiding for much of his episcopate. He was arrested in 1679 at the time of the Popish Plot, he was hanged, drawn and quartered in London on 1 July 1681 the last Catholic martyr to suffer in England.

#### Sunday 2nd July Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 24th	5:30pm	Mass - Deceased Sisters' Relatives, St Paul's	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 25th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Morrison Family intentions	
Monday 26th	9:30am	Mass - Jimmy Smith intentions	
Tuesday 27th	9:30am	Mass - Mr & Mrs George Bromwich RIP	
Wednesday 28th	9:30am 7:30pm	Mass - Sr Jackie Smith RIP Mass - Eileen Reilly RIP	
Thursday 29th	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Fr Joseph Tynan intentions	
Friday 30th	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Eileen Reilly RIP Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) For All Prisoners and their Families	
Saturday 1st July	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private intention Mass - Stella & Rita delle Compagni & Lucia Rapachietta RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 2nd	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Geoffrey Rowell RIP	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* After all Masses  
on request

- ❖ **THIS SUNDAY** we welcome Mrs Angela Foster, Birmingham Diocesan President of the Union of Catholic Mothers, who will speak at the 10am Mass about the UCM and its' aims and objectives. I hope we will be able to launch a UCM foundation in the parish in the near future. Mrs Foster will speak at the Saturday evening Mass on another weekend.
- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend we have the annual Second Collection known as "Peter's Pence", which goes to support the Pope and, in particular, his many charitable initiatives.
- ❖ **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION:** Please remember this Thursday is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul and is a **Holyday of Obligation**, when we are bound to attend Mass. The Vigil Mass of the Feast is on Wednesday at 7.30pm, and on Thursday itself there will be Mass at 9.30am and (in Latin) at 7pm.
- ❖ **ST MARY'S CHURCH SUMMER GARDEN PARTY** this year takes place here in Swynnerton on July 8th at the Village Hall, starting at 1pm. Tickets cost £4, and there will also be a Hog Roast, tickets for which cost a further £4.
- ❖ **PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA:** The following notice has been received: "Celebrate the centenary of Fatima this November with fellow pilgrims from the diocese. Departing 26th November spend 4 nights in a 4\* hotel on a half board basis. Flights included from Birmingham. Early bird offer of £485 available until 15/08/2017. To find out more visit [aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima](http://aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima) or call 0800 689 4792.

### Quotation

"On the feast of SS Peter & Paul, the Church recalls to her memory particularly the last two glances of those Saints, made in the same direction: in the direction of the crucified and Risen Christ. The glance of Peter, agonising on the cross, and of Paul, dying under the sword. These two glances of faith - the faith which filled their lives to the last and laid the foundations of the divine light in man's history on earth - remain ever in our memory"

*Pope St John Paul II, preaching on the Feast of SS Peter & Paul*

<b>Collection:</b>	Gift Aid Envelopes	£	204.00
	Loose	£	211.00
		£	415.00
<b>Special</b>	Day for Life	£	171.60
<b>Congregation:</b>	94 Adults & 12 Young People		

Thank you, God bless

*Fr. Paul.*