

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 29th December, 2019 The Feast of the Holy Family

### FEAST DAYS

#### Tuesday 31st December St Sylvester

(+335) St Sylvester ruled the Church during the reign of Constantine, when the Arian heresy and the Donatist schism had provoked great discord. He convoked the first Ecumenical Council of Nicea.

#### Wednesday 1st January, 2020 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

#### Thursday 2nd January St Basil the Great

Basil died 379. One of the four Doctors of the Eastern Church. He wrote a monastic rule and is one of the main sources of the Fourth Eucharistic Prayer.

#### St Gregory

Gregory was from Cappodocia. A friend of St Basil, he too followed the monastic life for some years. He was ordained a priest and in 381 became bishop of Constantinople. It was during this period when the Arian heresy was at its height. He was called 'The Theologian' because of his great learning and his talent for oratory.

#### Friday 3rd January The Most Holy Name of Jesus

#### Sunday 5th December The Epiphany of the Lord

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 28th	5:30pm	Mass - James Arthur O'Brien RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 29th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Private Intention (O)	
Monday 30th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (AM)	
Tuesday 31st	9:30am	Mass - Bridie Shannon RIP	
Wednesday January 1st 2020	NB 11:00am	Mass - Mary Lyons intentions	
Thursday 2nd	9:30am	Mass - Noelyn & Anthony Atapattu & Family intentions	
Friday 3rd	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Donor's intentions Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) Fr John Ellis RIP	
Saturday 4th	5:30pm	Mass - Fred & Flo Chambers RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 5th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Donor's intentions	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* After all Masses  
on request

- ❖ **PASTORAL LETTER:** This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from His Grace the Archbishop, which will be read at all Masses.
- ❖ **WEDNESDAY** is New Year's Day, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Please note Mass will be at the later time of 11am.
- ❖ **NEXT WEEKEND** we celebrate the Feast of Our Lord's Epiphany, transferred from its usual date of January 6th.
- ❖ **ANGELUS PRAYER:** As mentioned last weekend, as from Wednesday we will be reciting the Angelus prayer at every Mass, as part of our preparations for the re-dedication of England as Our Lady's Dowry, which will take place on March 29th. Cards with the prayer will be available shortly.
- ❖ **"THE GOD WHO SPEAKS"**  
2020 has been earmarked by our Bishops as a year to focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. We will all be encouraged to celebrate, live and share God's word throughout this exciting new Scripture initiative led by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and the Bible Society. 2020 has been chosen as it is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. Resources for you to use to help you read and understand better the treasures found in the Bible will soon be available.
- ❖ **THE ANNUAL JOINT SERVICE** to mark the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place on Sunday January 19th at 4pm in St Mary's Anglican Church.

### Quotation

"He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."

*St Basil the Great (died 379), whose feast is kept this Thursday*

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 223.30
	Loose	£ 173.25
	Total	£ 396.55
Special	Carol Service	£ 196.50
Congregation:	93 Adults & 7 Young People	

*A Happy New Year to you,  
your families and loved ones!*

*Fr. Paul.*