

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 12th January, 2020 The Baptism of the Lord

### FEAST DAYS

#### Monday 13th January St. Hilary

Hilary died in 367. A convert from paganism and he was known as the 'Athanasius of the West'. He was the first theologian of the Latin Church to combat the Arian heresy. A composer of liturgical hymns and Bishop of Poitiers, France.

#### Thursday 16th January St Joseph Vaz of the Oratory

Joseph Vaz, who founded the Oratory in Goa, but who spent most of his priestly life on the island of Ceylon (as Sri Lanka was then known), helping the Catholics there and making an enormous number of converts to the faith. Much of his work was done in secret as Dutch Calvinists had occupied the island and were trying to stamp out Catholicism. St Joseph died in 1711 and was hailed as the "Apostle of Sri Lanka" almost immediately after his death. He was beatified by Pope St John Paul II when he visited the island in 1995 and was canonised by Pope Francis

#### Friday 17th January St. Antony

Antony was born in Egypt. Following the death of his parents he gave up his inheritance and lived a life of solitude, gathering a community of disciples around him. He died in the year 356 and has become known as the father of all monks.

#### Saturday 18th January

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

#### Sunday 19th January Second Sunday of the Year

Peace Day

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 11th	5:30pm	Mass - Nicholas & Timothy Gunn	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 12th	10:00am	Mass - For the People of the Parish & The Guild of St Stephen	
	6:00pm	Mass (EF) - Sr Audrey Drinkwater RIP	
Monday 13th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Tuesday 14th	9:30am	Mass - Dr Kathleen McCartie RIP	
Wednesday 15th	NB 6:00pm	Mass - Peter Simm RIP	
Thursday 16th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Friday 17th	9:30am	Mass - Patrick & Bridie Murphy RIP	
	2:30pm	Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) Canon Gerry Breen RIP	
Saturday 18th	5:30pm	Mass - Eric Chatterley RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 19th	10:00am	Mass - For the People of the Parish	
	4:00pm	Service for Christian Unity (St Mary's)	
	6:00pm	Mass (EF) - Holy Souls	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* After all Masses  
on request

- ❖ **THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN:** At Mass this Sunday Olivia Brosnan, one of our servers, will be enrolled as a member of the Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers, and the current members of the Guild will renew their commitment to serve faithfully. Anyone interested in joining our group of servers will be made most welcome. Please speak to me after any Mass.
- ❖ **SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** This will take place next Sunday in St Mary's Anglican Church, starting at 4pm.
- ❖ **MASS ON WEDNESDAY** this week will be at 6pm, as I have a hospital appointment in Birmingham in the morning.
- ❖ **VISITATION:** As part of the Visitation of the Stafford Deanery, Bishop David McGough will be with us for the weekend of February 15th – 16th. He will celebrate our Masses and be available to meet with you. Please do your best to be here that weekend and to give the Bishop a warm welcome! There will be refreshments after the 10am Mass.
- ❖ **A NEW BISHOP:** Please pray for Canon David Oakley, Rector of the seminary at Oscott, and a priest of our Diocese, who was named on Wednesday as the new Bishop of Northampton. He will be consecrated as Bishop in Northampton Cathedral on the Feast of St Joseph, March 19th.
- ❖ **PORTUGUESE BUFFET:** A suggestion has been made about having a Portuguese-style buffet at The Mill Restaurant in Stone, possibly in February. The restaurant owners are offering three possible times: Friday evening, Saturday evening or Sunday lunch. It would be useful to know which time people prefer – there is a form at the back of church on which you can indicate a preference.

### Quotation

"Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done."

*St Teresa of Avila (died 1582), the great Spanish Carmelite nun, reformer and spiritual writer.*

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 206.00
	Loose	£ 228.65
	Total	£ 434.65
Special	Votive Candles	£ 87.70
Congregation: 109 Adults & 18 Young People		

Thank you, God bless  
*J. Paul.*