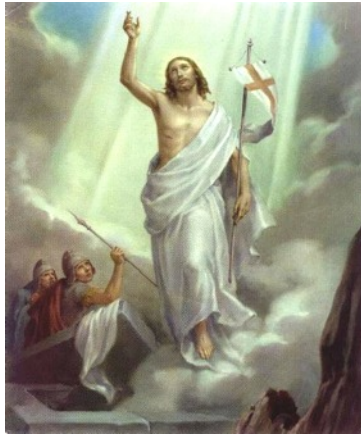


# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## FEAST DAYS

### Monday 2nd May St. Athanasius

(295 - 373) St Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Egypt, became the champion of the faith against Arianism at the Council of Nicea. He suffered persecution and was exiled for seventeen years for resisting compromise in essentials of the Faith. He wrote many works on apologetics.

### Tuesday 3rd May Ss Philip & St. James

See Sunday Plus overleaf

### Wednesday 4th May The English Martyrs

This feast celebrates the many men and women who suffered for the faith in England between 1535 and 1680 and have subsequently been recognised by the Church. These include priests, both secular and religious, as well as laity who were prepared to shelter them, to arrange secret Masses and to witness the Faith. They came from all backgrounds and ages, and their heroic witness helps us have a greater love for the Church, the Mass and the priesthood.

### Sunday 1st May Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

## Sunday 1st May, 2022 Third Sunday of Easter

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 30th	5:30pm	Mass - Holy Souls	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 1st May	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Monday 2nd	NB 10:00am 1:30pm	Mass - Desmond Seward RIP Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) Fr Seamus Cunnane RIP	
Tuesday 3rd	9:30am	Mass - Tom Monks RIP	
Wednesday 4th	9:30am	Mass - Sr Fiona Vallance intentions (Golden Jubilee)	
Thursday 5th	9:30am	Mass - For Those Suffering from Cancer	
Friday 6th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Saturday 7th	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private Intention Mass - Margaret Leese RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 8th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - Margaret Elliott RIP Mass (EF) - For the People of the Parish	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* On request

- ❖ **MISSION APPEAL:** We welcome this weekend Father Andrew Batara of the Society of African Missions, who will be making an appeal for your support for the missions undertaken by his Society. I am sure you will be generous!
- ❖ **CHURCH FLOWERS: HELP NEEDED!** Having had a great success with volunteers to do the church cleaning, we now need to do something similar with the church flowers. Our little band of flower arrangers desperately needs more pairs of hands. Please consider helping the parish in this way. Don't think you have to be a Constance Spry – help and advice will always be available. Please speak to me if you are at all interested.
- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend is the annual Day of Prayer for vocations to the Priesthood. As usual there will be a Second Collection for the Diocesan Clergy Training Fund. The number of students for the priesthood in the Diocese is quite small, but it is an expensive job training them to be able to serve you as our future priests.
- ❖ **HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:** For the foreseeable future at the Royal Stoke University Hospital and County Hospital in Stafford, if you are admitted as a patient, even if they know you are a Catholic, the chaplaincy will not be automatically informed, and neither will anyone ask you if you want a visit from the Chaplain. In order to be visited, you must contact the chaplaincy office – 01782 676400 for Stoke and 01785 887659 for County. Sacraments can still be administered at the bedside, even if someone has Covid, but the chaplaincy office needs to be informed beforehand.
- ❖ **THE PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF STONE** takes place this Saturday, May 7th. It takes place in the grounds of St Dominic's Convent: 10am Arrivals; 11am Talk; 2pm Procession and Rosary; 3.15pm Mass.
- ❖ **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** The North Staffs Walsingham Association is organising a Pilgrimage to Walsingham from 5th - 8th October 2022. Places available, 4 days/ 3 nights, bed & breakfast, evening meal and coach travel included. Cost £285 en suite, £235 non en suite. No extra cost for single occupancy. Please contact Mary Shirley for more information and booking form on 01782 633033 or email maryroseshirley@gmail.com by May 5th.
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, whether at home or in hospital; for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Bishop Joseph Gray, Fr David Duggan, Agnes Whitton, John Murphy, Margaret Elliott, William Bernard Wilcox, Jim Pate, Jessica Phillips & Nicholas Fitzherbert.

### Quotation

"Our Lord Jesus Christ became what we are that He might make us what He is."

St Athanasius (died 373), Bishop of Alexandria and fearless defender of Catholic truth. His feast day is this Monday.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 352.00
	Loose	£ 193.30
	Total	£ 545.30
Special:	Votive Candles	£ 106.00
Congregation:	87 Adults & 10 Young People	

Thank you, God bless

*Fr. Paul*