

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 19th January, 2020 Second Sunday of the Year Peace Day

### FEAST DAYS

#### Monday 20th January St Fabian and St Sebastian

St Fabian was Pope from 236 to 250 AD. He promoted the consolidation and development of the Church.

St Sebastian, a native of Milan, was an officer in Diocletian's imperial guard. He became a Christian and suffered martyrdom upon the orders of the emperor.

#### Tuesday 21st January

##### St Agnes

Agnes was martyred c.304 at the age of twelve (according to Augustine and Ambrose). Mentioned in the Roman Canon.

#### Wednesday 22nd January

##### St Vincent

Vincent died in 304, the proto-martyr of Spain. Little is known of his life beyond the accounts of his martyrdom which were not contemporary.

#### Thursday 23rd January

##### St Nicholas Owen

Nicholas died in 1606. A Jesuit lay brother and skilled carpenter he constructed many 'priest holes'. He died as the result of torture without having revealed the whereabouts of any priest.

#### Friday 24th January

##### St Francis De Sales

Francis died in 1622, Bishop of Geneva. Noted as a spiritual director and author he founded, with St. Jane Francis of Chantal, the Visitation Order. Through his preaching he brought many back to Catholicism.

#### Saturday 25th January

##### The Conversion of St Paul

#### Sunday 26th January

##### Third Sunday of the Year

Sunday of the Word of God

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 18th	5:30pm	Mass - Eric Chatterley RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 19th	10:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Christian Unity Octave Service at St Mary's Mass (EF) - Holy Souls	
Monday 20th	9:30am	Mass - Gerry Nolan RIP	
Tuesday 21st	9:30am	Mass - Bishop Leo McCartie intentions	
Wednesday 22nd	9:30am	Mass - Rita Murphy intentions	
Thursday 23rd	9:30am	Mass - Sr Kathleen & St Paul's Leadership Team	
Friday 24th	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Holy Souls Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) Fr Brian Doolan RIP	
Saturday 25th	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private Intention Mass - Agnes & Les Whitton RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 26th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* After all Masses  
on request

- ❖ **THIS SUNDAY** we have the annual Service for Christian Unity – it is in St Mary's Church, starting at 4pm.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **APPEAL FOR LOURDES:** Harry Clarke, one of our younger parishioners and a familiar face on the Sanctuary, is once again going to Lourdes with his school, St Joseph's. Next weekend he will make an appeal at Mass, asking for your assistance in helping to fund his pilgrimage and the care of sick pilgrims which it will involve. Last time you were most generous – please be so again!
- ❖ **CAFOD:** I have been asked to include the following:  
**School volunteers needed!** Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD and help children and young people learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? We are looking for volunteers in the Stafford area to visit Catholic schools and parish groups. For further information please contact Joanne O'Meara at CAFOD Walsall on 01922 722944 or email: [birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk)

### Quotation

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them – every day begin the task anew."

*St Francis de Sales (died 1622), a great figure in the 17th century rebirth of Catholic mystical life. His feast falls this Friday. He can be seen in the stained-glass window above the side-altar in our church.*

This Friday, 7th February  
Swynnerton Village Hall  
**QUIZ NITE**  
It isn't Mastermind...  
it's just good fun!!  
**£5.00**  
Includes quiz entry fee and  
**FISH & CHIP SUPPER**  
Children (U12) FREE  
(NO BAR - BRING YOUR OWN DRINK AND GLASSES)

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 246.00
	Loose	£ 252.60
	Total	£ 498.60
Special	Crib Collection (Aid to the Church in Need)	£ 112.70
Congregation:	101 Adults & 11 Young People	

Thank you, God bless  
*J. Paul.*