

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## FEAST DAYS

### Monday 29th April St. Catherine of Siena

(1347 - 1380) St Catherine was a responsible instrument for the return of Pope Gregory XI from Avignon to Rome. In deed and in truth, she showed her love for God's Church and the Roman Pontiff. With her short life she gave us a lesson in courage: the courage of telling the truth for love of the Church and souls. Imprinted with the sacred stigmata, she died in Rome at thirty three years of age. She was proclaimed patroness of Italy on 18 June 1939. In 1970, Pope Paul proclaimed her Doctor of the Church.

### Tuesday 30th April St. George - Patron of England (Transferred from April 23rd)

Popular tradition presents St George as the knight who killed the dragon, making him a symbol of a triumph of faith against the forces of evil. He was the son of an illustrious family of Cappadocia and, at a young age, was raised to the ministry during the Emperor Diocletian's reign. When the Emperor promulgated an edict against the Christians, St George professed his faith publicly, for which he was martyred. During the crusades Richard Coeur de Lion impressed by the cult of St George, so popular in the east, made St George the Protector of England. His tomb is in Lod, near Tel Aviv, Israel.

### Wednesday 1st May St Joseph the Worker

Pope Pius XII instituted this feast to be celebrated on this day so that we might be led to seek, under the guidance of the Carpenter of Nazareth, justice peace and charity through the eternal and unshakable principles first propounded by Christ Himself.

### Thursday 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.

### Friday 3rd May Ss Philip & St. James Apostles

### Saturday 4th May The English Martyrs

### Sunday 5th May Third Sunday of Easter

## Sunday 28th April, 2019 Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 27th	5:30pm	Mass - Danny Reddy RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 28th	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Benediction Mass (EF) - Sr Eileen Kelly intentions	
Monday 29th	9:30am	Mass - Velma Booth Rose RIP	
Tuesday 30th	9:30am	Mass - Sr Anna O'Connor intentions	
Wednesday 1st	9:30am	Mass - Sr Patricia Freestone intentions	
Thursday 2nd	8:00am	Mass - Sr Julianna O'Sullivan intentions	
Friday 3rd	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Sr Mary Bernard Potter intentions Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) For those Received into the Church	
Saturday 4th	5:30pm	Mass - St Paul's Diamond Jubilarians	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 5th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Private Intention (Oleksik)	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* After all Masses  
on request

- ❖ **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast instituted by Pope St John Paul II. To mark the feast there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in church at 5.15pm.
- ❖ **EASTER CLERGY OFFERINGS:** Very many thanks for your generous offerings this Easter..
- ❖ **ST GEORGE'S DAY:** This Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of our country's Patron Saint, St George, moved from April 23rd this year because of the Easter Octave. Given the issues facing our country this year, perhaps it is a good day to come to Mass and ask for the intercession of our heavenly Patron.
- ❖ **RECEPTIONS INTO CHURCH:** Please pray for two of the women at Drake Hall Prison who are to be received into the Church this coming Friday. Pray especially that they may have the grace to persevere in the important decision they have made..

### Quotation

"It is not our perfection which is to dazzle God, Who is surrounded by myriads of angels. No, it is our misery, our wretchedness avowed, which draws down His mercy".

Blessed Columba Marmion OSB,  
Abbot of Maredsous, Belgium (died 1923).

Special:	Holy Places	£ 113.65
	Lent Alms	£ 179.00
	Easter Lilies	£ 150.00

Congregation: 148 Adults & 26 Young People

Thank you, God bless  
*J. Paul.*