

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 21st July, 2019 Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

FEAST DAYS

Monday 22nd July St. Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalen died 1st Century. She was healed of possession and became a follower of Jesus and was present at the crucifixion. In Mark's gospel she is the first witness of the risen Lord.

Tuesday 23rd July St. Bridget

Bridget died in Rome in 1373. Mother of eight and a visionary she founded the Bridgettines. She helped bring the papacy back from Avignon to Rome. She is Patron of Europe.

Wednesday 24th July St. Sharbel Makhluf

Sharbel died in 1898. The son of a Lebanese mule driver he was a pious child who eventually ran away to become a Baladite monk, for the last 23 years of his life he lived as a hermit. He was renowned for his holiness and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Thursday 25th July St James, Apostle

He was the son of Zebedee, and was called by Jesus together with his brother John. James was one of the three apostles, along with Peter and John, who witnessed the Transfiguration and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was condemned to death by Herod Agrippa and beheaded in the year 44, the first martyr among the apostles.

Friday 26th July SS Joachim and Anne.

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
It was in the home of Joachim and Anne where the Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Thus devotion to Anne and Joachim is an extension of affection Christians have always professed towards our Blessed Mother.

Saturday 27th July Blessed Robert Sutton

Blessed Robert Sutton was born at Burton upon Trent in 1547. As a clergyman of the Established Church he was Rector of Lutterworth. He was converted to Catholicism through the influence of his younger brother and they were ordained as priests with a third brother. He was arrested in Stafford in 1588 and executed there.

Sunday 28th July Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 20th	5:30pm	Mass - Josef Marx RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 21st	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Francis Rogan intentions	
Monday 22nd	9:30am	Mass - Sr Anne Lenihan RIP	
Tuesday 23rd	9:30am	Mass - Bishop Leo McCartie intentions	
Wednesday 24th	9:30am	Mass - Roseline Martlew RIP	
Thursday 25th	8:00am	Mass - Kitty McHugh RIP	
Friday 26th	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Declan Siggins RIP Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) Fr James Farrell RIP	
Saturday 27th	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private Intention Mass - Martina Heymans & Marinus Pynenburg RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 28th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Private Intention (Oleksic)	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* After all Masses on request

- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend we have the annual Second Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, which supports all those who draw their livelihood from our seas. This collection was postponed from last week because of the Missions Appeal. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of church.
- ❖ **MISSIONS APPEAL:** Fr John Boles, the Columban Father who was with us last weekend, thanks you for your generous response to his appeal. It was somewhat more than last year's collection. Well done!
- ❖ **FLOWER ARRANGING IN CHURCH:** Once again I ask whether anyone might be prepared to volunteer to help with flower arranging in church. It is not too onerous a job, and does make such a difference to the way the church looks. Please do your best to consider volunteering.
- ❖ **BISHOP LEO MCCARTIE:** Tuesday's Mass this week is for Bishop Leo McCartie, retired Bishop of Northampton but originally a priest of our diocese. He is celebrating the 70th anniversary of his ordination as a priest and his 40th anniversary of becoming a Bishop. Quite an achievement! Please remember Bishop Leo in your prayers.
MONDAY this week is the Feast of St Mary Magdalene, recently "upgraded" by Pope Francis, who has formally given the saint the title "Apostle to the Apostles", because of the way, as the first witness of the Resurrection, she carried the astounding news to the other apostles.
- ❖ **DAY OF EXPOSITION:** DAY OF EXPOSITION: There has been something of a muddle over the dates for the annual Day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A new date will be announced shortly.

Quotation

"The Gospel of John emphasizes the special role of Mary Magdalene. She is the first to meet the Risen Christ. [...] Hence she came to be called "the apostle of the Apostles". Mary Magdalene was the first eyewitness of the Risen Christ, and for this reason she was also the first to bear witness to him before the Apostles. This event, in a sense, crowns all that has been said previously about Christ entrusting divine truths to women as well as men."

Pope St John Paul II (died 2005), writing in 'Mulieris Dignitatem' in 1988.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 184.00
	Loose	£ 194.10
		£ 378.10
Special	Mission Appeal	£ 391.30
Congregation:	86 Adults & 8 Young People	

Thank you, God bless
Fr. Paul.