

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 16th February, 2020 Sixth Sunday of the Year

FEAST DAYS

Monday 17th February The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Seven members of a Florentine confraternity founded the Order of Servites of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Servites led an austere life of prayer and mortification, meditating constantly on the Passion of the Lord and venerating the Blessed Virgin Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows.

Friday 21st February St Peter Damian

(1007 - 1072) Saint Peter Damian was born at Ravenna. As the Prior of a community of hermits, he promoted an enthusiastic religious observance. He was appointed as Papal Legate and was a noted peacemaker and reformer. He was the Bishop of Ostia and a Cardinal. Following his death he was immediately venerated as a saint.

Saturday 22nd February Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

This ancient feast from the fourth century celebrates the unity of the Church through the primacy of St. Peter and his successors.

Sunday 23rd February Seventh Sunday of the Year

Day for the Unemployed

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 15th	5:30pm	Mass - Eleanor Garvey RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 16th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Holy Souls	
Monday 17th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Tuesday 18th	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls	
Wednesday 19th	9:30am 5:00pm	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family) Reception into Church of Peter Gannon RIP	
Thursday 20th	NB 10:00am	Funeral Mass - Peter Gannon RIP	
Friday 21st	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls	
Saturday 22nd	5:30pm	Mass - Alice Key RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 23rd	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 WEEKEND** we welcome Bishop David McGough, who is with us as part of the current Visitation of the Stafford Deanery. Refreshments will be served in St Mary's Church Hall after the Sunday morning Mass.
- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend we will have the annual Second Collection for the national charity Life. The charity Life upholds and advances the Gospel of Life by providing positive alternatives to abortion, providing counselling, housing, baby supplies and financial assistance. The charity helps some 70 people a day. Please be as generous as you can in supporting this vital endeavour.
- ❖ **THE FUNERAL MASS** for the late Mr Peter Gannon is on Thursday this week at 10am, followed by cremation at Stafford Crematorium. Peter's remains will be received into Church on Wednesday at 5pm.
- ❖ **NEW ORATORIES:** I mentioned before Christmas that Pope Francis has now formally erected the Oratory in Manchester and in York. This week both Oratories are celebrating Masses of Thanksgiving for this landmark in their history. I will be attending both Masses; Manchester on Friday evening and York at midday on Saturday. Our Saturday evening Mass this week will be celebrated by Fr Thomas Regan OSB, currently chaplain at Oulton Abbey. Please make him very welcome!
- ❖ **SPOT THE MISTAKE:** It has been pointed out to me that the parish e-mail address at the head of this newsletter has been wrong – and this, I am sorry to admit, for a long time! It has now been corrected so as to read: assumption@btinternet.com

Quotation

"The universal Church, which in this world is shaken by various temptations that come upon it like torrents of rain, floods and tempests, does not fail because it is founded upon a rock, from which Peter received his name – for the Rock was Christ, and on this foundation was Peter himself also built."

St Augustine (died 430). Saturday is the Feast of the Chair of St Peter, which celebrates the unique teaching and governing ministry of the Pope, the successor of St Peter.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 149.00
	Loose	£ 230.95
		£ 379.95
Congregation:	80 Adults & 7 Young People	

Thank you, God bless
J. Paul.