

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 23rd February, 2020 Seventh Sunday of the Year Day of Prayer for the Unemployed

FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 25th February Ash Wednesday

Day of Fasting and Abstinence
Blessing and distribution of ashes.
Start of the Season of Lent.

Friday 28th February St Oswald

Oswald died in 992. A Benedictine who became Bishop of Worcester and Archbishop of York. He managed to combine the monastic life and the pastoral care of his diocese.

Sunday 1st March First Sunday of Lent

Day of prayer for
Candidates for the Sacraments

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
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)	
Monday 24th	9:30am	Mass - In Thanksgiving (Clarke)	
Tuesday 25th	9:30am	Mass - For the Welfare of the Manchester Oratory	
Wednesday 26th	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass - For the Welfare of the York Oratory Mass - For the Sick	
Thursday 27th	9:30am	Mass - Peter Jackson RIP	
Friday 28th	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family) Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) Fr James McGloin RIP	
Saturday 29th	5:30pm	Mass - Henry Key RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 1st March	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Mass (EF) - Holy Souls	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* After all Masses
on request

- ❖ **WEDNESDAY** this week is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Mass and the Imposition of Ashes will be at 9.30am and 7pm.
- ❖ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** There will Stations of the Cross next Sunday at 5.15pm, and every Sunday in Lent, apart from March 29th when there will be a special service to mark the re-dedication of England as Our Lady's Dowry.
- ❖ **DOING SOMETHING FOR LENT:** Apart from the usual "giving something up", it is useful to do something positive to mark the important season of Lent. A few ideas: Come to Mass in the week; Come to Stations of the Cross on Sundays; Read the "Walk with Me" booklet (available at the back of church) each day; Read part of the Bible each day; Say the Rosary; Visit someone who is sick or housebound.
- ❖ **LENTEN ALMS:** This year any money to give to the Lent Alms will be sent to Aid to the Church in Need, which does such important work in helping the Church in difficult circumstances around the world. Another good way of marking the season!
- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend there will be the annual Collection for the Maintenance of St Chad's, our Cathedral in Birmingham.
- ❖ **PORTUGUESE BUFFET:** There is still time to sign the form for the meal at The Mill Restaurant on Sunday March 15th.

Quotation

"Dear friends, on this Lenten journey let us be careful to accept Christ's invitation to follow Him more decisively and consistently, renewing the grace and commitments of our Baptism, to cast off the former person within us and put on Christ, in order to arrive at Easter renewed and able to say with St Paul: "I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me." I wish you all a good Lenten journey!"

Pope Benedict XVI, speaking at the General Audience on March 9th, 2011.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 206.00
	Loose	£ 235.10
	Total	£ 441.10
Special	LIFE	£ 304.30
Congregation:	93 Adults & 15 Young People	

Thank you, God bless
J. Paul.