

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 15th March, 2020 Third Sunday of Lent

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 17th March St. Patrick - Patron of Ireland



(1384 - 1440) A Roman noblewoman, wife and mother who founded a community of women Benedictine oblates who were dedicated to caring for the poorest people of Rome. She herself joined the community when she became a widow.

Wednesday 18th March St. Cyril of Jerusalem

St Cyril was born near Jerusalem and for many years served as Patriarch of that holy city, although after disputes with Arian heretics, had him exiled for seventeen years. He is mainly known for his "Catecheses" His instructions, which are still present, show conclusively that catholic doctrine is the same then as now. It was his catechetical instructions which led him to be declared a Doctor of the Church in 1882.

Thursday 19th March St. Joseph - Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Joseph lived in the 1st Century. Foster-Father of Christ and husband of Mary, nothing is known of his life except that reported in the gospels. According to the apocryphal writings he was an old man when betrothed to Mary although his role of protector of the Holy Family makes this unlikely. Devotion to him spread slowly and in the West is due mainly to the influence of St Theresa Of Jesus in the 16th Century. He is patron of the Universal Church, fathers, bursars, carpenters, manual labourers and of a Holy death.

Sunday 22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent

CORONAVIRUS AND PRAYERS TO SAINT ROCH

I was told at the Deanery Meeting last Tuesday that we could try praying to St Roch, who was kept safe from the plague and is therefore invoked as the Patron Saint against contagious diseases. As the coronavirus crisis continues, we have implemented here most of the directions given by the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales: suspension of the Sign of Peace and Communion from the Chalice and emptying the Holy Water stoups at the church doors. The Bishops have also said that we should cease using shared hymn-books and missals. Also, that Holy Communion be given only in the hand – this last is a sensitive matter and if it affects you directly, I would be grateful to have your thoughts.

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 14th	5:30pm	Mass - John Key RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 15th	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - Jeanne Sutton RIP Stations of the Cross Mass (EF) - For the People of the Parish	
Monday 16th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Tuesday 17th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Wednesday 18th	NB 8:00am	Mass - For All Prisoners	
Thursday 19th	9:30am	Mass - Enda Crudden RIP	
Friday 20th	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family) Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) Fr Robert Wright RIP	
Saturday 21st	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private Intention Mass - Theresa Jackson RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 22nd	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - Jeanne Sutton RIP Stations of the Cross Mass (EF) - For the People of the Parish	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* After all Masses on request

- ❖ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** As usual in Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross in church on Sunday at 5.15pm. Please do your best to take part.
- ❖ **TUESDAY THIS WEEK** is the Feast of St Patrick, Apostle of Ireland. The Closing Mass for the Stafford Deanery Visitation will take place at St Patrick's, Stafford, at 7pm, celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop.
- ❖ **MASS ON WEDNESDAY** will be at the earlier time of 8am, as I have to attend a Prison Chaplains' meeting in Birmingham.
- ❖ **BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI:** The Novena to pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi continues, and concludes on Thursday, the Feast of St Joseph. Blessed Dominic's relic is exposed on the side-altar in church for the duration of the Novena.
- ❖ **APPEAL FOR THE MISSIONS:** Next weekend we will have the annual appeal for the Missions. This year it will be given a Sister from the Daughters of Divine Love, a Congregation founded in 1969 in Nigeria, and who, since coming to England in 1989, are now working in six dioceses in our country. They do much sterling work in education and assisting in parishes, and in Nigeria provide care for orphans, motherless and abandoned children, street children, and those with special needs. I am sure you will show your customary generosity in giving to the Appeal.

Quotation

"To other Saints Our Lord has given power to help in one sort of need or another, but this glorious Saint Joseph, as I know by experience, helps us in every need."

St Teresa of Avila (died 1582). Thursday this week is the Feast of St Joseph, who is honoured as Patron of the Universal Church and Patron of the Dying.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 222.00
	Loose	£ 241.95
	Total	£ 463.95
Special	Cafod	£ 316.85
Congregation:	93 Adults & 11 Young People	

Thank you, God bless
J. Paul.