

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 21st June, 2020 Twelfth Sunday of the Year Day for Life

FEAST DAYS

Monday 22nd June
Sts John Fisher and
Thomas More

Tuesday 23rd June
St. Etheldreda

Wednesday 24th June
The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist

Saturday 27th June
St. Cyril of Alexandria

Sunday 28th June
Sts Peter and Paul
(Transferred from 29th June)

Day	Time	Intention	Confession*
Saturday 20th		Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Sunday 21st		For the People of the Parish	
Monday 22nd		Dr Chandu Jani RIP	
Tuesday 23rd		Derry Murphy RIP	
Wednesday 24th		For the Welfare of the Order of Malta (Burial Service for Peter McColl RIP)	
Thursday 25th		Sr Kathleen & Leadership Team intentions	
Friday 26th	Church Open 11am - 12noon	Sr Maria Mortell RIP	
Saturday 27th	Church Open 12noon - 1pm	Ludovic Bordea RIP	
Sunday 28th		For the People of the Parish	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* Please telephone to arrange

THE CHURCH RE-OPENS

The church is finally re-opening! We have to say a big thank you to the volunteers who have made it possible: those who have volunteered to serve as stewards while the church is open, and those who are coming to carry out the necessary cleaning.

We are only opening for a couple of hours twice a week to begin with. This is to ensure that we can follow all the requirements about social distancing and cleaning. All of these restrictions are only temporary. Of course, there are all the requirements we expected about social distancing and hygiene in church. Here is the full notice:

As of this week, our church will be open for private prayer on Fridays from 11am to 12 noon and on Saturdays from 12 noon to 1pm. On Saturdays the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, but there will not be Benediction. We are still waiting for the government to allow public Mass and other gatherings to resume. The opening of churches for private prayer has been allowed on condition that we observe the following national requirements:

- Observe social distancing and remain 2 metres/6 feet from other people (except members of the same household)
- Use the hand sanitiser provided as you enter and leave the church
- Follow the one way system
- Only use pews that have been marked for use
- Feel free to wear a face mask
- Do not touch any statues
- There will be neither holy water nor votive candles
- Bear with us if you need to queue during busy periods – unlikely, but you never know!

Regrettably there can be no communal or group prayers in the church at the moment and I am not yet allowed to hear confessions. The steward is on hand to provide assistance if needed.

If you are displaying any cold or flu symptoms, please do not enter the church building. It is also recommended that those most vulnerable refrain from visiting the church.

There are no toilet facilities available at the moment.

Quotation

"Occupy your minds with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones: unoccupied they cannot be."

St Thomas More (died 1535), Lord Chancellor of England, executed for resisting Henry VIII's policy against the Pope; honoured as the Patron Saint of politicians. His feast day is this Monday.

*May God bless us all,
your priest and friend*

Fr. Paul.