

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 18th February, 2018 First Sunday of Lent

FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 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.

Thursday 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.

Friday 23rd February St Polycarp

Polycarp died c.155 at the age of 86. He was a disciple of St. John and bishop of Smyrna. He was burned at the stake. After his death he was one of the first martyrs venerated by the Church.

Sunday 25th February Second Sunday of Lent

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 17th	5:30pm	Mass - Holy Souls	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 18th	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - Maurice Hynes RIP Stations of the Cross Mass (EF) - For the People of the Parish	
Monday 19th	9:30am	Mass - Sylvia Murray intentions	
Tuesday 20th	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls	
Wednesday 21st	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls	
Thursday 22nd	8:00am	Mass - Holy Souls	
Friday 23rd	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Holy Souls Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) For the sick	
Saturday 24th	5:30pm	Mass - Alice Key RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 25th	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Mass (EF) - Special intention (Oleksic)	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* After all Masses
on request

- ❖ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** take place in church at 5.15pm on Sunday. Please do your best to support this Lenten devotion.
- ❖ **NEXT WEEKEND** there will be a Pastoral Letter for Lent from His Grace the Archbishop.
- ❖ **FRIDAY** this week is the CAFOD Lenten Fast Day. Envelopes for any money saved on the Fast Day can be found at the back of church and should be returned next Sunday. Also, Pope Francis has asked that this Friday be kept as a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in South Sudan, and all over the world.
- ❖ **EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN LIVERPOOL:** As you may know, a Eucharistic Congress is being held in Liverpool this September, the first such Congress in our country since 1908. There are a few leaflets about it at the back of church. The events scheduled for Friday 7th and Saturday 8th need tickets; on Sunday 9th the Mass, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Liverpool, and the concluding Benediction are free. If anyone is interested in going to the ticketed events, please let me know as soon as possible as arrangements need to be made.
- ❖ **HARRY CLARKE** says an enormous thank-you for your very kind and generous response to his appeal last weekend for help towards his pilgrimage to Lourdes in May. As you will see elsewhere, he raised £389. Well done!
- ❖ **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** If anyone is interested in joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in May, please see me, as I have received some information packs, booking forms etc.

Quotation

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God and as soon as you have said, "Lord, I don't know how to pray!", you can be sure you have already begun."

St Josemaria Escrivá (died 1975). Prayer, along with fasting and almsgiving, is one of the great ways of keeping Lent.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 212.00
	Loose	£ 141.03
		£ 353.03
Special	Harry Clarke	£ 389.00
Congregation:	102 Adults & 14 Young People	

Thank you, God bless

Fr. Paul.