

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 19th November, 2017 The Thirty Third Sunday of the Year World Day of the Poor

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 21st November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This ancient feast is held in high esteem by Eastern Christianity. It celebrates Our Lady's dedication to God, which prepared her for her acceptance of God's will that she became the Mother of His Son.

Wednesday 22nd November St Cecilia

Cecilia was a Roman woman of noble family who was martyred in the reign of Marcus Aurelius. Her family home is now a basilica dedicated to where her remains lie. She is the patron saint of musicians and is remembered in the Roman Canon.

Thursday 23rd November St Clement I, Pope

(+97) St Clement was the third pope after St Peter and author of the famous letter to the Corinthians, an early example of the Bishop of Rome's universal jurisdiction. Tradition records him being sentenced to hard labour in the Crimea and thrown into the sea, tied to an anchor.

Friday 24th November St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

St Andrew Dung-Lac was a Vietnamese priest martyred in 1839. He was one of a group of one hundred and seventeen martyrs put to death in the nineteenth century. They were canonised in 1988. Altogether between 130,000 and 300,000 Catholics were martyred in Vietnam from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries.

Saturday 25th November St Catherine of Alexandria

St Catherine lived during the fourth century. She was a learned girl of noble birth who protested against the persecution of Christians which was ordered by the Roman Emperor, Maxentius. She converted the Emperor's wife, and defeated in debate the best scholars sent to oppose her. Very little is known about her life; she was popular in the Middle Ages.

Sunday 26th November Solemnity of Christ the King

Annual Parish Dinner
Saturday 2nd December, 2017
in 'The Fitz'
7:00 for 7:30
Menu and Booking Form
available at the back of church

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 18th	5:30pm	Mass - Celebrant's intention	
Sunday 19th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - Celebrant's intention Mass (EF) - Celebrant's intention	
Monday 20th			
Tuesday 21st	9:30am	Mass - Sr Patricia Coughan intentions	
Wednesday 22nd	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls (November List)	
Thursday 23rd	8:00am	Mass - Sr Marie O'Dea intentions	
Friday 24th	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Holy Souls (November List) Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) Fr Patrick O'Sullivan RIP	
Saturday 25th	5:30pm	Mass - Sr Kathleen Duhig intentions	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 26th	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass - Benediction Mass (EF) - Nancie Owen RIP	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* After all Masses on request

- ❖ **THIS WEEKEND** we welcome Fr Paul Martin, who will be celebrating the 5.30pm and 10am Masses, and will be making an appeal for the Society of St Barnabas, which supports convert clergy and their families. The celebrant at the 6pm Mass will be Fr Stephen Goodman, and there will be a second collection for the Society.
- ❖ **THIS SUNDAY**, at the request of Pope Francis, is the first World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis has instituted this new day as a way of inviting us to understand that sharing with those living in poverty "enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel". In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis asks all of us, whatever our means, to unite in love and in acts of service to one another. He explains: "It is my wish that ... Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance."
- ❖ **NEXT WEEKEND** we keep the Feast of Christ the King. There will be Benediction at 5.15pm to mark the feast. There will also be the annual Second Collection for the Catholic Youth Service.
- ❖ **PARISH DINNER:** The annual Parish Dinner is at the Fitzherbert Arms on Saturday December 2nd. If you intend going and have not yet returned the booking form, please do so as soon as possible.
- ❖ **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** Those interested in joining the UCM are invited to a meeting in the Presbytery on Wednesday November 29th at 2.30pm.

Quotation

"Commitment to the poor is based on the Gospel: it does not have to rely on some political manifesto."

Pope St John Paul II (died 2005)

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£	195.00
	Loose	£	215.00
		£	410.00
Congregation:	105 Adults & 8 Young People		

Thank you, God bless

Fr. Paul.