

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 28th June, 2020

### Saints Peter and Paul

*(Transferred from June 29th)*

#### FEAST DAYS

**Sunday 28th June**

**Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**St. Peter** died c. 64. Leader of the Apostles, a fisherman from Bethsaida, witness of the Transfiguration and the Agony in the Garden. Called Cephas by Christ as the 'rock', the pre-eminent leader of the early Church. Very early tradition linked him to the Church in Rome as its first Bishop and being martyred under the persecution of Nero.

**St. Paul** died c.65. Apostle of the Gentiles. A Jew born in Tarsus who dramatically changed from being a persecutor to the great missionary of Christianity. Through his letters he did much to further Christian theology. According to tradition he was beheaded as a Roman citizen during the persecution of Nero.

**Tuesday 30th June**

**First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

The Church celebrates this feast in memory of the martyrs of the persecution under Nero at about 64AD. Many Christians were killed with atrocious tortments. They were people of all professions and levels of society.

**Wednesday 1st July**

**St Oliver Plunkett**

(1629 - 1681) St Oliver Plunkett was ordained a priest in 1654 after studying at the Irish College, Rome. He stayed on in Rome as a professor and a representative of the Irish bishops. In 1669 he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland. He did much to reorganise and strengthen the Irish church, despite being forced into hiding for much of his episcopate. He was arrested in 1679 at the time of the Popish Plot, he was hanged, drawn and quartered in London on 1 July 1681 the last Catholic martyr to suffer in England.

**Friday 3rd July**

**St Thomas, Apostle**

Thomas died in the 1st century. His incredulity gave way to faith when he saw the Risen Lord. Associated with founding the Church in Southern India. Patron of India and Pakistan.

**Saturday 4th July**

**St Elizabeth of Portugal**

(1271 - 1336) She was daughter of King Peter III of Aragon and was named after her great aunt, St Elizabeth of Hungary, whose virtues she also inherited. In her married life with King Dennis of Portugal, she endured trials with heroism. After her husband's death she became a Franciscan Tertiary and showed unfailing charity towards the poor.

**Sunday 5th July**

**Fourteenth Sunday of the Year**

Day	Time	Intention	Confession*
Saturday 27th	Church Open 12noon - 1pm	Ludovic Bordea RIP	
Sunday 28th		For the People of the Parish	
Monday 29th		Peter McColl RIP	
Tuesday 30th		Fr Mieczyslaw Stebart of the Oratory RIP	
Wednesday 1st July		Special Intention (Duhig)	
Thursday 2nd		Dympna Morby RIP	
Friday 3rd	Church Open 11am - 12noon	Mary Murphy intentions	
Saturday 4th	Church Open 12noon - 1pm	Bishop Leo McCartie RIP	
Sunday 5th		For the People of the Parish	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* Please telephone to arrange

#### THE RETURN OF PUBLIC MASSES

As I expect you know, the Government has indicated that public worship can resume after July 4th. I was hoping to have some detailed indications to give you about how this will work in practice, but at the time of writing, we have only received a letter from the Archbishops which doesn't give any further detailed information (copies available in church). The 1 metre/3 feet social distancing reduction will make it easier to accommodate more people in church, although it is not clear if a maximum number of people attending will be laid down, nor as to whether face-masks will have to be worn. Reports indicate that for the time being there will not be any singing at Mass, and, as before lock-down began, the Mass booklets will not be available. (As before, we will provide a sheet with parts of the Mass on it). There may be some instructions on how Holy Communion is to be given – certainly the Chalice will not be restored, and neither will the Sign of Peace. The holy water stoups will still be out of action.

Just as soon as precise details are known, I will pass them on to you. As things stand, I would hope there will be a Saturday evening Mass at 5.30pm on July 4th, and the usual Sunday Masses on July 5th but please wait for confirmation before turning up at church.

It will be good to be back to something like normal and to see you again!

#### Quotation

"I have however two consolations, one is interior, namely that I suffer for a good cause, and this will have its result, so I hope in the Divine Mercy, in an eternal reward. The second consolation is in my books, which enable me to say that I am never less alone than when alone, never less solitary than when solitary".

*St Oliver Plunkett, Archbishop of Armagh, Ireland, martyred for the Faith at Tyburn on 1st July 1681. His feast day is this Wednesday, 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*

*J. Paul.*