

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 5th July, 2020 Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

### FEAST DAYS

#### Sunday 6th July St Maria Goretti

(1890 - 1902) She was born near Acona, Italy. The daughter of a poor peasant family, St Maria was well known to her neighbours for her cheerfulness and piety. When she was twelve she became a victim of aggression. She preferred to die rather than to lose her virginity.

#### Thursday 9th July Ss Augustine Zhao Rong and companions

This feast commemorates 120 Chinese martyrs, who suffered between 1648 and 1930. They include European missionaries such as St Gregory Grassi (1823 - 1900), the Italian born Bishop of North Shanxi martyred during the Boxer rebellion, and indigenous Christians, such as St Augustine Zhao Rong a diocesan priest put to death in 1815. They were canonised by St John Paul II in 2000.

#### Saturday 11th July St. Benedict

Benedict died c.550. Little is in fact known about his life, but at Subiaco and Monte Cassino he was the first to regulate communal religious life. His 'rule' enabled Benedictine houses to be centres of spirituality, hospitality and learning without which Western Civilisation would have been much impoverished. He is Patron of Europe.

#### Sunday 12th July Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 4th	5:30pm	Mass - Bishop Leo McCartie RIP	
Sunday 5th	10:00am	Mass - For the People of the Parish	
Monday 6th	No Public Mass	Canon Christopher Tuckwell RIP	
Tuesday 7th	NB 6:00pm	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig)	
Wednesday 8th	9:30am	Mass - Bishop Leo McCartie RIP	
Thursday 9th	No Public Mass	Special Intention (Duhig)	
Friday 10th	9:30am	Mass - Anne Roebuck intentions	
Saturday 11th	5:30pm	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig)	
Sunday 12th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - In Thanksgiving	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* After all Masses  
on request

- ❖ **RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES:** I have prepared a separate piece, detailing much of what is required of us now that public Masses are starting up again. It has been a very long wait, and we must give thanks to God that our long Eucharistic fast is finally coming to its end and that once again we can come together to take part in that Sacred Action which is the source and summit of our lives as Christians. As I have written elsewhere, what we come back to will not be exactly what we left behind in March. Wearing face coverings, being told where to sit, the rather odd way of giving Holy Communion and so forth, these things remind us that we are still in strange times. Please bear with these impositions and try not to feel annoyed or frustrated by them. Remember, too, that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended, so if you are not well, feeling insecure, or whatever else, you can stay at home with a clear conscience.
- ❖ **MASS ON TUESDAY** will be at 6pm, as I have a hospital appointment in the morning, the clinics having reopened after 3 months closure.
- ❖ **ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH:** Your famous "Red Boxes", which do so much to raise money for the Missions, realised £687:49 in 2019, which is some £42 more than in 2018. Well done to all concerned, especially to Joan Gater, our parish organiser. If you would like a Red Box, please ask either Joan or myself.
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for the sick and the housebound, for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: George Bromwich, Doreen Gee, Mary Harwood, Sarah Crilly, John Martin, Joyce Birchenough, Helen Quinn, Francis Henry Field, and Kathleen McNamee.

### Quotation

"Prayer ought to be short and pure....Idleness is an enemy of the soul....One who never stops talking cannot avoid falling into sin..

*Three little quotes from the Rule of St Benedict. The Father of Western monasticism, St Benedict died in 547. His feast day is this Saturday.*

Thank you, God bless

*Fr. Paul.*