

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 23rd August, 2020 Twenty First Sunday of the Year

FEAST DAYS

Monday 24th August St Bartholomew, Apostle

St Bartholomew was from Cana in Galilee. Mentioned in the Gospel as one of the twelve apostles, he is identified with Nathanael who was brought to Jesus by his friend, the apostle Philip. According to tradition, St Bartholomew preached the Gospel in Arabia and Armenia where he died as a martyr.

Tuesday 25th August St Joseph Calasanz

(1557 - 1648) St Joseph Calasanz was born in Aragon, Spain. He was ordained a priest, went to Rome and founded the Paist Congregation dedicated to poor children. He suffered trials, slander and persecution silently and serenely.

Wednesday 26th August Blessed Dominic Barberi

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Thursday 27th August St Monica

(331 - 387) St Monica was born at Tagaste in Africa. Mother of St Augustine, she prayed and suffered for the conversion of her son, and was unceasing in her prayers for him. She is an example of a mother with great faith in prayer.

Friday 28th August St. Augustine

357 - 430. After leading a dissolute life he was baptised at the age of 33. He was elected Bishop of Hippo. A fine theologian his most famous works are 'The Confessions' and 'The City of God'. Considered one of the founders of monastic life in the West, over 150 religious congregations follow his 'Rule'.

Saturday 29th August Beheading of St John the Baptist

Sunday 30th August Twenty Second Sunday of the Year

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 22nd	5:30pm	Mass - King Richard III RIP	
Sunday 23rd	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Nat Kennefick intentions	
Monday 24th	No Public Mass	Nicholas Glover's intentions	
Tuesday 25th	6:00pm	Mass - The Byrne Family intentions	
Wednesday 26th	9:30am	Mass - Patrick & Phyllis Galligan intentions	
Thursday 27th	No Public Mass	Patricia & Paul Graham intentions	
Friday 28th	9:30am	Mass - Anne Keily intentions	
Saturday 29th	5:30pm	Mass - Michael Reddington	
Sunday 30th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - David Lee intentions	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* On request

- ❖ **BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI:** This Wednesday we celebrate the feast of Blessed Dominic Barberi, the Italian Passionist priest, who came to England to preach the Catholic faith and who for some years was based in our part of Staffordshire. From 1842 he lived for a time at Aston Hall, outside Stone, and often used to celebrate Mass in a room in the Crown Hotel on Stone High Street. The little chapel he built can still be seen in the grounds of St Dominic's Convent in Stone. Fr Dominic is known to have preached in Swynnerton. Perhaps his greatest claim to fame is that he was the priest who received John Henry Newman into the Catholic Church at Littlemore, outside Oxford, on October 9th 1845. Fr Dominic died in Reading in 1849. Below, in the Quotation Box, you will find the letter Newman wrote over forty years later, testifying to Fr Dominic's holiness. Blessed Dominic was beatified by Pope St Paul VI in 1963 and ever since then work has gone on in order that he can be proclaimed a Saint. For that, a miracle of physical healing is required, so please do turn to Blessed Dominic in your prayers and ask for his intercession for someone you know who is sick. Each year in our Diocese we have a Novena to pray for Blessed Dominic's canonisation, but it is something we need to do regularly. Make sure you play your part! I have plenty of prayer cards if you don't already have one.
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for those who are sick at this time, especially those in our parish; for those who have died recently; and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Matilda Read, Martha Robinson, Winifred Wright, Margaret Hallam, Thomas Robinson, Jeffrey Gosling & Agnes Drinkwater.

Quotation

"My dear Lord Cardinal, Thank you for the interest you express in a case which is very dear to me, as is well recognised by the Passionist Fathers. Certainly Fr. Dominic of the Mother of God was a most striking missionary and preacher and he had great part in my own conversion and in that of others. His very look had a holy aspect which, when his figure came in sight in my circle, most singularly affected me, and his remarkable 'bonhomie' in the midst of his sanctity was in itself a real holy preaching. No wonder, then, I became his convert and penitent. He was a great lover of England. I grieved at his sudden death, and I thought and hoped he would receive from Rome the 'aureola' of a Saint as is now to be."

*St John Henry Newman's letter to Rome, written in 1889,
testifying to the holiness of Fr Dominic Barberi as the Cause for his Canonisation began.*

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		£ 330.50

Congregation: 53 Adults & 3 Young People

Thank you, God bless

Fr. Paul.