

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 17th September, 2017 The Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 19th September St. Theodore of Canterbury

St Theodore was born at Tarsus, Turkey, about 601. He died in Canterbury on this day in 690. He was a monk in Italy who was not ordained priest until he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by Pope Vitalian in 666 at the age of 65. He arrived in England in 669, and for the rest of his life reorganised and reformed the life of the Church throughout the country, holding visitations and synods, establishing new dioceses and a great school at Canterbury, and reconciling divisions between those of the Celtic and those of the Roman tradition. He is remembered for his scholarship and for his bringing unity and organisation to a divided church.

Wednesday 20th September Sts Andrew Kim Taegon and companions

(Nineteenth Century) The Christian faith was introduced into Korea during the seventeenth century through the deal of a group of laypersons. But from the very beginning these Christians suffered under terrible persecutions that, over the course of the nineteenth century, gave the Church many martyrs. Outstanding among these was the first Korean priest and devoted pastor Andrew Kim of Taegu, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong of Hasang. Among the Korean martyrs who struggled valiantly for Christ were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were laity, men and women, married single, young and old.

Thursday 21st September St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Also called Levi, he was the son of Alphaeus. He was a publican, that is, a tax collector for the Romans. His profession was hateful to the Jews. Nevertheless, our Lord called him. Matthew is one of the Twelve Apostles. The details of his evangelisation are unknown, as is of his martyrdom which perhaps took place in Persia. Tradition unanimously acknowledges him as the author of the first gospel. His name appears among the other apostles in the Roman Canon.

Saturday 23rd September St Pio of Pietrelcina

(1887 - 1968) St Pius, better known as Padre Pio, was born in Pietrelcina in Campania, Italy, and joined the Capuchin community at Morcone. Ordained in 1910, he moved six years later to San Giovanni Rotondo in the Gargano peninsula. Bearing the wounds of Christ's passion on his body, he became famous for his ministry in the confessional, his spiritual direction and his miracles. In 1956 he opened the "Home to Relieve Suffering" near his friary. Despite his popularity, he faced much opposition, even from Church authorities. He was canonised in 2002.

Sunday 24th September Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest

Friday 29th September 2017
Swynnerton Village Hall

**DRAGON RACING
& HOG ROAST**
An evening of FUN
for the **WHOLE** family
Tickets on sale NOW
Only £8.00
(includes Hog Roast & Pud!)
Children (U12) FREE

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 16th	5:30pm	Mass - Special Intention (Costello)	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 17th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Fegan Family RIP	
Monday 18th	9:30am	Mass - Tom Costello RIP	
Tuesday 19th	9:30am	Mass - In Thanksgiving	
Wednesday 20th	9:30am	Mass - Sheila O'Toole RIP	
Thursday 21st	8:00am	Mass - Ellen Power RIP	
Friday 22nd	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Stephen Smith RIP Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) For all prisoners	
Saturday 23rd	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private Intention Mass - Thomas Williamson RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 24th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Bridie Kearney RIP	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* After all Masses on request

- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend we have the annual Second Collection for the work of the Home Mission Office in Catholic Evangelisation. They write: *"Please consider contributing to this second collection. The money received from this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith. It is possible to donate online at: catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate"*
- ❖ **NEXT WEEKEND** there will be the annual Second Collection for Fr Hudson's Society, which does much work in the diocese supporting the elderly, the vulnerable and other social needs. Envelopes for gift-aiding any donations can be found at the back of church.
- ❖ **THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST:** Next weekend we have the Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest. Suitable items of fresh produce for decorating the church should be handed in by Friday. Afterwards they will be distributed to local charities.
- ❖ **RAFFLE TICKETS** for the Parish Raffle are still available at the back of church. Would you please return all counterfoils and money for sold tickets, along with any unsold tickets, by next Sunday. If you pledged a prize for the raffle and have not yet brought it to church would you please bring it by next Sunday also.
- ❖ **HOG ROAST:** Tickets for the Hog Roast on September 29th are on sale. Volunteers will be needed on the day to organise tables and chairs, and should report at the Village Hall at 2pm. Donations of puddings for the Hog Roast will be gratefully received - there is a list at the back of church, so that we know what puddings are coming. Many thanks in advance.
- ❖ **HOLY BAPTISM:** We welcome into the Church Ruby Mary Helen Bird, who is being baptised after Mass this Sunday. Please pray for her and her family.
- ❖ **INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS:** Because several of the ladies interested in joining the UCM are going to be away on September 20th, it has been decided to move the inaugural meeting to Wednesday September 27th at 7pm in the Presbytery. Mrs Angela Foster, Diocesan President, will be present. If you are interested, please do your best to attend.

Quotation

"Prayer is the best weapon we possess, the key that opens the heart of God."
St (Padre) Pio (died 1968), renowned Italian friar, confessor and miracle-worker. His feast day is this Saturday.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£	203.00
	Loose	£	214.50
		£	417.50
Special	Catholic Education	£	152.80
Congregation:	107 Adults & 12 Young People		

Thank you, God bless

Fr. Paul.