

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 30th August, 2020 Twenty Second Sunday of the Year

FEAST DAYS

Monday 31st August

St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne

(+651) St Aidan was an Irish monk who joined the community of Iona and went to preach the Gospel in Northumbria. He was consecrated bishop and settled on the Island of Lindisfarne with the support of King St Oswald and his successor St Oswin. After St Aidan's death in 651, the 'Holy Island' of Lindisfarne continued to produce many saints instrumental in the evangelisation of northern England, until the monastery was devastated by Vikings. These saints include the bishops St Finian, St Colman, St Eata, St Eadfrith and St Cuthbert.

Tuesday 1st September

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Thursday 3rd September

St. Gregory the Great.

(540 - 604) He was a Prefect of Rome and later became a monk. He was papal legate at Constantinople. Five years after returning to his monastery, he was elected pope. He greatly influenced the life of the Church, and unified the liturgy and compiled the Gregorian chant which was named after him. One of Gregory's most far reaching actions was to send missionaries to England. This was to have been prompted by the sight of fair haired Anglo Saxon youths exposed for sale in the Roman slave market. He wrote many works on morals and Dogma.

Friday 4th September

St. Cuthbert

Cuthbert died in 687. A shepherd boy who became a monk and hermit and eventually bishop of Lindisfarne. He furthered Roman customs in the English Church after the Synod of Whitby. Most popular of the Anglo-Saxon saints, he is now buried in Durham Cathedral.

Saturday 5th September

St Teresa of Calcutta

(1910 - 1997) was born in Skopje and, after living in Macedonia for eighteen years, she moved to Ireland and then to India, where she lived for most of her life. She founded the Missionaries of Charity which manages homes for people dying of HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis; soup kitchens; dispensaries and mobile clinics; children's and family-counselling programmes; orphanages, and schools. Teresa received a number of honours, including the 1962 Ramon Magsaysay Peace Prize and 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. She was canonised on 4th September 2016, and the anniversary of her death (5 September) is her feast day.

Sunday 6th September

Twenty Third Sunday of the Year

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
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	
Monday 31st	No Public Mass	Fr Charles Briggs RIP	
Tuesday 1st Sept	6:00pm	Mass - Win Brookstone intentions	
Wednesday 2nd	9:30am	Mass - Sr Teresita Fitzmaurice RIP	
Thursday 3rd	No Public Mass	Bishop Leo McCartie RIP	
Friday 4th	9:30am	Mass - David Lee intentions	
Saturday 5th	5:30pm	Special Intention (Duhig)	
Sunday 6th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Special Intention (Duhig)	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* On request

- ❖ **THIS TUESDAY:** Pope Francis has established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."
- ❖ **COMING TO MASS:** Those of you who look at the Mass attendance figures that are published each week, will realise that the overall weekly numbers are running at between 40 - 50% of normal. I suppose that is to be expected, given the age-profile of our congregation, combined with on-going fears and worries. However, bumping by chance into a parishioner in Stone the other day, it transpired that he did not realise that the church had re-opened and that a public Mass was celebrated 5 days out of 7. In the light of that, if you are coming to Mass and are able to contact others of our congregation who have not yet "re-appeared", it might be a work of charity to speak to them and tell them what is going on and that there is plenty of room for them in church, whether they come at the weekend or in the week. Thank you in advance!
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, especially those of our parish; for those who have died recently: Fr Charles Briggs, Parish Priest of Chislehurst, Kent; and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Fr Bernard Salt, Charles Chavasse, Terence Gribbin, Joseph Robinson, Emma Turner, Maurice Linehan, Thomas O'Donnell & Alistair Campbell.

Quotation

"You can never be only all for Jesus if your love for Our Lady is not a living reality. Come so close to Our Lady that she can take you to Jesus. Avoid many distractions. Be alone with Jesus and ask Our Lady over and over again: 'Make me only all for Jesus'"

*St Teresa of Calcutta (died 1997), writing to her sisters, the Missionaries of Charity.
St Teresa's feast day is this Saturday*

Thank you, God bless

J. Paul.

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		£ 655.00

Congregation: 56 Adults & 6 Young People