

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 8th November, 2020 Thirty Second Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday

FEAST DAYS

Monday 9th November
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday 10th November
St Leo the Great, Pope

Born in Tuscany, he became pope in the year 440. He is remembered for defending the unity of the Church and preserving the teachings of the Church from error. He died in the year 461 having defended the city of Rome from attack by the barbarians.

Wednesday 11th November
St Martin of Tours

St Martin was born in present day Hungary about the year 316. He gave up his military career, was baptised and became a disciple of Saint Hilary of Poitiers. He became the bishop of Tours, France. He died in the year 397. He was the first non-martyr with an annual feast day in the Church's calendar. He is a patron saint of priests.

Thursday 12th November
St. Josaphat

(1580 - 1623) Born in the Ukraine, of an Orthodox family about the year 1580. He became a Catholic though continued to celebrate the Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite. As Archbishop of Polock he worked to unite the Church. He was martyred in the year 1623.

Sunday 15th November
Thirty Third Sunday of the Year
World Day of the Poor

GIFT AID 2019/20

We have received our Tax refund for the last tax year which amounts to £3549.77 - thank you to all who make their offertory donations through this scheme.

This year the Diocesan Gift Aid office will not be sending letters to individuals detailing tax reclaimed. If you do require this information to complete your tax return please contact Phil Elliott who will be able to supply them.

Email: philelliott@hotmail.co.uk

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 7th		Holy Souls (November List)	
Sunday 8th		For the Fallen in War	
Monday 9th		Deceased Congregational Leaders, St Paul's Sisters	
Tuesday 10th		Juliet Anstey RIP	
Wednesday 11th		Holy Souls (November List)	
Thursday 12th		Caroline McCabe intentions	
Friday 13th	11am - 12noon	Holy Souls (November List) Church Open for Private Prayer	
Saturday 14th	11am - 12noon	Deceased Members, St Paul's Sisters Church Open for Private Prayer	
Sunday 15th		For the People of the Parish	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* On request

- ❖ **LOCKDOWN RETURNS:** As we all know, the Government has re-introduced various lock-down regulations, which are due to run until (at least) December 2nd. Sadly, this means public Masses must once again cease. Our Bishops have written to the Government questioning whether this is really necessary, given both the great efforts made to ensure our churches are safe environments, and also the harm and deprivation the absence of public worship and the sacraments causes to people. However, at the time of writing, nothing has changed. During lock-down, please, if you can, look at the parish website for up-to-date news about what is happening. Also, as before, copies of this newsletter will be available from the church door.
- ❖ **THE CARDINAL AND OUR BISHOPS** have written as follows: "At this difficult moment, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21st November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. And we encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need. This pathway of prayer and service is the royal road we are to take as a gracious witness in our society today."
- ❖ **CHURCH OPENING TIMES:** The regulations allow for churches to be open for private prayer. We will return to the timetable used last time: Fridays from 11am to 12noon, and Saturdays from 11am to 12noon. On Saturdays the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. Other times might be possible if we have sufficient volunteers to ensure the church is not left empty. If you can help, please let me know.
- ❖ **PLEASE MAKE USE OF LIVE STEAMED MASSES** during lock-down. There is a huge choice available and I know from last time that many of you found them most helpful and consoling. The website of the Archdiocese of Birmingham lists local churches which broadcast Mass, and of course the Shrine at Walsingham has one daily.
- ❖ **I WILL BE SAYING MASS** each day in church (apart from Tuesday when I have a funeral in Birmingham) for the intentions given above.
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, especially those of our parish and all suffering from the Covid virus; for those who have died recently; and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Fr John Drinkwater, Emma Lady Stafford, John Day, John Kent, Thomas Alkins, Peter Jones & Rita Waltho.

Quotation

"Christian, remember your dignity! Bear in mind who is your head, and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's Kingdom."

St Leo the Great (died 461). A fearless Pope and a great theologian, his feast day is this Tuesday.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 310.00
	Loose	£ 147.60
	Total	£ 457.60
Special	Johnson Association	£ 223.20
Congregation:	79 Adults & 5 Young People	

Thank you, God bless

Fr. Paul.