

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 29th November, 2020 Advent Sunday

### FEAST DAYS

#### Monday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle

##### Patron Saint of Scotland

(First century) Born at Bethsaida and worked as a fisherman. He is called the Protokletos or 'first called' for he was originally a disciple of St John the Baptist before following Christ and bringing with him his brother St Peter. After Pentecost he zealously preached the gospel and was crucified at Patras, Greece. He is the patron of Scotland, where his relics were formerly venerated at St Andrews.

#### Tuesday 1st December

##### St Edmund Campion

(1540 - 1581) Born in London and educated at Christ's Hospital school. He was a brilliant student at Oxford. Reconciled to the Catholic Church, he passed on to Douai and then to Rome where he joined the Jesuits. Next he worked in Bohemia, and finally for one year, on the English Mission. His extraordinary success caused him to be hunted down relentlessly. He was martyred at Tyburn.

#### Thursday 3rd December

##### St Francis Xavier

(1506- 1552) Born near Pamplona in what is now Spain and studied in Paris, where he became a follower of St Ignatius of Loyola. A founding member of the Society of Jesus, he tirelessly brought the Gospel to India, Borneo, Indonesia and Japan. He died of fever on Shangchuan Island in 1552 while travelling to China.

#### Friday 4th December

##### St. John Damascene

Born in the late seventh century. He was a monk and a priest at the monastery of Saint Sabbas in Jerusalem. He is remembered for defending the faith and his devotion to Our Lady. He died in the year 749.

#### Saturday 5th December

##### St. Birinus

Sent to England by Pope Honorius I, was ordained as a bishop and established his See at Dorchester-on-Thames. He died in 650.

#### Sunday 6th December

##### Second Sunday of Advent

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 28th	11am - 12noon	Holy Souls (November List) Church Open for Private Prayer	
Sunday 29th		For the People of the Parish	
Monday 30th		Timothy Morby RIP	
Tuesday 1st Dec		Violet McGuire RIP	
Wednesday 2nd	9:30am	Holy Souls (November List)	
Thursday 3rd	N.B. 6:00pm	Hannah O'Sullivan intentions	
Friday 4th	9:30am	Louise Ryan RIP	
Saturday 5th	5:30pm	James O'Brien & Timothy Gunn RIP	
Sunday 6th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Sr Teresa Conley RIP	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* On request

- ❖ **LOCKDOWN ENDS:** The Diocese has written to say that, with the ending of the lock-down this week, public Masses can resume from Wednesday onwards. Please see above for Mass times this week and note that on Thursday this week Mass will be in the evening. As from next week the timetable in use before lock-down will start up again, and, of course, the same rules about distancing etc. will still apply.
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES** and arrangements will be announced next week.
- ❖ **ADVENT:** Copies of the Advent "Walk with Me" booklets – hygienically wrapped – can be found at the back of church, along with the Advent children's calendar. Please help yourself.
- ❖ **THE SOWER:** The latest edition of our Diocesan magazine has arrived. It contains interesting facts about the Diocesan finances, which have been severely affected by the pandemic. Also of interest is an article on St John Henry Newman and his involvement with the cholera epidemics in the 19th century.
- ❖ **DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2021:** This is on sale at the back of church; £3.50 for the ring-bound edition; £2.75 for the plain-bound edition.
- ❖ **CONGRATULATIONS** to George Gillow, who often plays the organ for us, who was playing on Radio 3 on November 25th, when Evensong was broadcast live from his college chapel in Cambridge.
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, especially those known to us and those of our parish, whether at home or in hospital; for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Archbishop Joseph Masterson, Archbishop Edward Ilesley, Edith Austin, Florence Hunking, Matthew Rapacchetta, Roger Quirk, Samuel Robinson, Helen Beryl Fitzherbert & Winnie Bourne.

### Quotation

"Be it known unto you that we have made a league – all the Jesuits in the world – cheerfully to carry the cross that you shall lay upon us and never to despair your recovery while we have a man left to enjoy your Tyburn, or be racked with your torments, or to be consumed with your prisons. The expense is reckoned, the enterprise is begun; it is of God – it cannot be withstood. So the Faith was planted, so it must be restored."

*St Edmund Campion (martyred at Tyburn 1581); English Jesuit. Words taken from his "Brag", his eloquent defence of the old Catholic faith of England. His feast day is this Tuesday.*

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		£ 261.70

Congregation: Adults & Young People

Thank you, God bless

*Fr. Paul.*