

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 6th December, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

### FEAST DAYS

#### Monday 7th December St. Ambrose

Ambrose died in 397. Born at Trier of noble parents, while a catechumen he was chosen by popular acclaim as the Bishop of Milan. He was a model pastor and preacher. He baptised St. Augustine of Hippo and he is one of the four Doctors of the Latin Church.

#### Tuesday 8th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Patroness of the Diocese

**Wednesday 9th December  
St John Diego Cuatlatlatoatzin**  
The 16th century shepherd who received four apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe. After the apparitions he devoted himself to the care of the pilgrims, who venerated the image of Our Lady which was left on his cloak. He was canonised in 2002

**Thursday 10th December  
St. Edmund Gennings**  
Edmund died in 1591. Born in Lichfield he converted to Catholicism and trained in Rheims. He returned to England and within a month he was arrested whilst celebrating Mass in the home of Swithun Wells in London. He was martyred at the age of 24.  
*Also: Our Lady of Loreto*

**Friday 11th December  
St. Damascus**  
Damascus was born about the year 305. During troubled times for the Church he was chosen to be pope. He defended the Church against heretics and promoted devotion to the martyrs and he embellished their tombs with sacred verse. He died in the year 384.

#### Saturday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe

#### Sunday 13th December Third Sunday of Advent

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 5th	5:30pm	Mass - 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	
Monday 7th	(No public Mass)	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Tuesday 8th	6:00pm	Mass - Holy Souls	
Wednesday 9th	(No public Mass)	10:00am: Funeral Mass for Domenico Dellicompagni RIP	
Thursday 10th	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls	
Friday 11th	9:30am	Mass - Mary Leonard & Family intentions	
Saturday 12th	5:30pm	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Sunday 13th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Holy Souls	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* On request

- ❖ **MASSES THIS WEEK:** Please note the following: on Monday there will not be a public Mass; on Tuesday Mass is at 6pm; on Wednesday there is a Funeral Mass at 10am, with attendance limited to family and friends of the deceased only; there will be an extra Mass on Thursday at 9.30am.
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS MASSES**  
Christmas Eve Thursday December 24th: Mass at 9.30am.  
First Mass of Christmas at 7pm.  
Christmas Day Friday December 25th: Mass at 10am.  
St Stephen's Day (Boxing Day) Saturday December 26th: Morning Mass at 10am.  
Vigil Mass for Sunday at 5.30pm.  
Sunday December 27th: Masses at usual times
- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE** that for the 7pm Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10am Mass on Christmas Day we will need to know in advance numbers attending, because of the regulations and restrictions in force. Please telephone or email me (details at the top of the newsletter) as soon as possible to let me know which Mass you are intending to come to, how many you will be, and whether you form a 'bubble' - this makes a lot of difference to seating arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this.
- ❖ **STEWARDS:** Over the Christmas period we will need extra stewards to help ensure that we are not only complying with the regulations but also keeping everyone safe. Please speak to me if you are able to help.
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, whether at home or in hospital, especially for those suffering as a result of the Covid virus; for those who have died recently: Domenico Dellicompagni & Anne Pate; and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Fr Harold Drinkwater, Fr John Ellis, Ann Olivia Jones, Lucy Burge, John Gosling, Agnes Gosling, Kathleen McMullan & Kenneth Chavasse.

### Quotation

"Through her Immaculate Conception, God preserved Mary from the stain of original sin, making her all-pure and all-holy – prepared, therefore, to be the Mother of the Saviour. But this feast also reveals what God makes possible for all of us by grace: a healed humanity, holy and spotless. We look to Immaculate Mary, awed by her singular privilege, confident that she intercedes for us, so that we can all come to share in her holiness."

*From a sermon for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, which we celebrate this Tuesday.  
Under that title Our Lady is the Principal Patroness of our Archdiocese.*

Thank you, God bless

*Fr. Paul.*