

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 13th December, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

### FEAST DAYS

#### Monday 14th December St. John of the Cross

(1542 - 1591) St John was born in Spain. After a number of years as a Carmelite, he was persuaded by St Teresa of Jesus to lead the reform of his Order. He suffered many tribulations. A renowned mystic, he wrote much on prayer and the mystery of the Cross.

#### Tuesday 15th December Bl. Antony Grassi.

Born at Fermo in the Marche of Italy on 13th November, 1592. He led a simple and austere life, frequenting the church of the Oratory in his home town. He entered the Congregation of Fermo on 11th October, 1609, and was ordained priest on 17th December, 1617. Antony exercised his priestly ministry in instructing the ignorant, comforting the weak, visiting the sick and imprisoned, helping the troubled and encouraging youth in the ways of holiness.

#### Thursday 17th December Advent Feria - O Sapientia

#### Friday 18th December Advent Feria - O Adonai

#### Saturday 19th December Advent Feria - O Radix Jesse

#### Sunday 20th December Fourth Sunday of Advent O Clavis David

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

### Quotation

"Never listen to accounts of the frailties of others, and if anyone should complain to you of another, humbly ask him not to speak of him at all."

*St John of the Cross (died 1591),  
the Spanish Carmelite mystic and poet,  
whose feast is kept this Monday.*

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
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	
Monday 14th	(No public Mass)	Holy Souls	
Tuesday 15th	6:00pm	Mass - George Matthews RIP	
Wednesday 16th	9:30am	Mass - Anne Roebuck's intentions	
Thursday 17th	(No public Mass)	Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Friday 18th	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls	
Saturday 19th	5:30pm	Mass - Peter Gannon RIP	
Sunday 20th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Anne Pate RIP	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* On request

- ❖ **ADVENT** moves into its second stage this Thursday – the final run-up to Christmas. Each day is marked by one of the famous 'O' Antiphons, sung each evening at the Office of Vespers, and contained in the well-known Advent carol, "O come, O come Emmanuel." This week we have the first three – O Wisdom, O Ruler and O Root of Jesse.
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** afternoon at 3pm there will be a Service of Readings & Carols in St Mary's Anglican Church. It will be somewhat different this year, because of social distancing and having to listen rather than sing in church. Nevertheless, I'm sure it will help us get into the true spirit of Christmas.
- ❖ **2021: THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:** Pope Francis has announced that 2021 will be a year dedicated to St Joseph and has written a beautiful (and short!) Apostolic Letter to mark the beginning of the year. He is encouraging us to say a prayer to St Joseph each day and to take the Saint as our model in our lives of faith, how we work, and how we minister to others. The Letter is called "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart) and as and when it becomes available in English, I will obtain some copies. I hope some prayer-cards will be available in the New Year.
- ❖ **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, especially those of our parish; for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Fr Michael O'Meara, John Gosling, Clare Warboys, Mary Boon, Monica Cheadle, Doreen Highfield & Pearl Harper.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 435.00
	Loose	£ 240.00
		£ 675.00

Congregation: 57 Adults & 5 Young People

Thank you, God bless

*Fr. Paul.*