

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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FEAST DAYS

Monday 21st December

Advent Feria - O Oriens

Also: St Peter Canisius

Tuesday 22nd December

Advent Feria - O Rex Gentium

Wednesday 23rd December

Advent Feria - O Emmanuel

Also: St John of Kanty

Thursday 24th December

The Vigil of Christmas

Friday 25th December

The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday 26th December

St. Stephen

Stephen was the first Christian martyr. He was stoned outside Jerusalem and died praying for his executioners. He was one of the seven deacons who helped the apostles: he was "filled with faith and the Holy Spirit", and was "full of fortitude". The Church draws a comparison between the disciple and the Master, emphasising the imitation of Christ up to the complete gift of self. His name is in the Roman Canon and he is the patron saint of Altar Servers.

Sunday 27th December

The Holy Family

Quotation

"The grace which was revealed in our world is Jesus...He has entered into our history; He has shared our journey. He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light. In Him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father."

Pope Francis.

Sunday 20th December, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

O Clavis David

Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
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	
Monday 21st	6:00pm	Mass (EF) - Month's Mind Requiem for Anne Pate RIP	
Tuesday 22nd	9:30am	Mass - José Noblet RIP	
Wednesday 23rd	9:30am	Mass - Joe & Alison Prosser intentions	
Thursday 24th	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass - Philip Scrope RIP First Mass of Christmas - Little Sisters of the Poor, Harborne	
Friday 25th	10:00am	Mass - For the People of the Parish	
Saturday 26th	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass - The Guild of St Stephen Mass - Margaret Weale RIP	
Sunday 27th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - David Ashley intentions	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* On request

❖ 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.
- ❖ **MASS ON BOXING DAY MORNING** is at 10am and will be the Mass of St Stephen. It would be good if all our altar servers, who are members of the Guild of St Stephen, could come to Mass on their Patron's Feast Day, and renew their Guild promises.
- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE THAT MASS ON TUESDAYS** has reverted to being at 9.30 in the morning.
- ❖ **THE COLLECTION** at all the Christmas Masses is the customary Christmas Clergy Offering. There are envelopes available for this
- ❖ **MAY I WISH YOU,** your families and loved ones, a truly Happy Christmas and every blessing from the Christ Child. It promises to be a quieter Christmas than usual for most of us, but perhaps it will be an opportunity for us to concentrate a little more on what – indeed Who – lies at the heart of this special day.
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, especially those suffering from the Covid virus and its after-effects; for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Ann Rushton, John Pilsberg Bennett, Frances Strand, Isabel Stone, Reginald Jones, Clive Davies, Peter Kenny & John Sears.

Collection: Gift Aid Envelopes £ 355.00

Loose £ 177.40

£ 532.40

Congregation: 60 Adults & 4 Young People

Thank you, God bless

Fr. Paul.