

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 27th December, 2020 The Holy Family

### FEAST DAYS

#### Monday 28th December The Holy Innocents

The Church celebrates the memory of the small children of the neighbourhood of Bethlehem. They were put to death by Herod, who was seeking to kill Jesus. These innocent victims bear witness to Christ to a world which would not receive him.

#### Tuesday 29th December St. Thomas Becket

(1118 - 1170) Thomas was born in London. After studying in Paris he first became Chancellor to the king and then, in 1162, was chosen to be the Archbishop of Canterbury. He changed from being 'a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds' to being 'a shepherd of souls'. He threw himself into the duties of his new office, defending the rights of the Church against Henry II. This prompted the king to exile him to France for six years. After returning to his homeland he endured many trials and was martyred by agents of the king.

#### Thursday 31st December St Sylvester

(+335) St Sylvester ruled the Church during the reign of Constantine, when the Arian heresy and the Donatist schism had provoked great discord. He convoked the first Ecumenical Council of Nicea.

#### Friday 1st January, 2021 Mary, the Mother of God

#### Saturday 2nd January St. Basil the Great

Basil died 379. One of the four Doctors of the Eastern Church. He wrote a monastic rule and is one of the main sources of the Fourth Eucharistic Prayer.

Also: St. Gregory Nazianzen

#### Sunday 3rd January Second Sunday after Christmas

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 26th	5:30pm	Mass - Margaret Weale RIP	
Sunday 27th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - David Ashley intentions	
Monday 28th	10:00am	Mass - Reginald Hughes & Family intentions	
Tuesday 29th	10:00am	Mass - Brian O'Donoghue & Brid Herbert wedding day intentions	
Wednesday 30th	10:00am	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Thursday 31st	10:00am	Mass - Andy McKirdy RIP	
Friday 1st January 2021	10:00am	Mass - Bishop Leo McCartie RIP	
Saturday 2nd	5:30pm	Mass - Gill Stevenson intentions	
Sunday 3rd	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

- ❖ **MAY I WISH YOU** and your families every blessing for the New Year of 2021. Let us pray it will be a happier and healthier year for us all.
- ❖ **MASSES THIS WEEK** the Christmas Octave and New Year, will be at 10am each day. Weekend Masses will be at the usual times.
- ❖ **MANY THANKS** for your Christmas Clergy offerings.
- ❖ **CRIB COLLECTION:** This year's Crib Collection is for Missio, the Church's principal missionary organisation.
- ❖ **THANK YOU** to all who helped the Christmas celebrations to run smoothly, especially our stewards. Not to be forgotten in our thanks are those who did the flowers, our servers and our organist, George Gillow
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, whether at home or in hospital, especially David Ashley; for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Fr Francis Etherington, Thomas Naylor, Thomas Hales, Christopher Evans, Elizabeth Cheadle, Rupert Chichele-Plowden & Bill Chavasse

### Quotation

"I have committed my cause to the great judge of all mankind, so I am not moved by threats, nor are your swords more ready to strike than is my soul for martyrdom."

St Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, murdered in his Cathedral 850 years ago, on December 29th 1170. He is the Patron Saint of the English Pastoral Clergy.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 905.00
	Loose	£ 239.50
		£ 1144.50

Congregation: 68 Adults & 6 Young People

Thank you, God bless  
Fr. Paul.