

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 10th January, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

### FEAST DAYS

#### Tuesday 12th January St. Aelred of Rievaulx

(1109 - 1167) Aelred was born in Hexham and joined the Cistercian monastery of Rievaulx, and became known as a preacher and a writer, the 'Bernard of the North'. He delighted in friendship and wrote, 'he who dwells in friendship dwells in God and God in him'.

#### Wednesday 13th January St. Hilary

Hilary died in 367. A convert from paganism and he was known as the 'Athanasius of the West'. He was the first theologian of the Latin Church to combat the Arian heresy. A composer of liturgical hymns and Bishop of Poitiers, France.

#### Saturday 16th January St Joseph Vaz of the Oratory

Joseph Vaz, who founded the Oratory in Goa, but who spent most of his priestly life on the island of Ceylon (as Sri Lanka was then known), helping the Catholics there and making an enormous number of converts to the faith. Much of his work was done in secret as Dutch Calvinists had occupied the island and were trying to stamp out Catholicism. St Joseph died in 1711 and was hailed as the "Apostle of Sri Lanka" almost immediately after his death. He was beatified by Pope St John Paul II when he visited the island in 1995 and was canonised by Pope Francis

#### Sunday 17th January Second Sunday of the Year

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 9th	5:30pm	Mass - Donald Alexander Gunn RIP	
Sunday 10th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Holy Souls	
Monday 11th	9:30am	Mass - Mary Tirin RIP	
Tuesday 12th	9:30am	Mass - Mary Murphy intentions	
Wednesday 13th	9:30am	Mass - Harry Murphy & Family intentions	
Thursday 14th	9:30am	Mass - Bridget Herbert & Family intentions	
Friday 15th	9:30am	Mass - Alice McCabe intentions	
Saturday 16th	5:30pm	Mass - Gavin Jackson RIP	
Sunday 17th	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

❖ **RENEWED LOCKDOWN:** As we all know, the entire country has now entered a third national lock-down, which will last some weeks. One ray of light this time is that churches can remain open for communal worship. Masses at Our Lady's therefore continue as usual.

However, the Government and our Diocese insist that the rules governing social distancing, face-coverings and the like must be scrupulously observed. That things can go wrong is shown by what has happened at St Austin's, Stafford, this past week, when a member of the congregation at Mass last Sunday morning tested positive. As a result all those present at that Mass have now to self-isolate, including the clergy, which means all Masses are cancelled for that parish for 10 days.

Part of the current procedures is that a steward or stewards must be on duty at Mass to seat people appropriately, to supervise going up for Communion, to manage leaving church, and to ensure cleaning etc takes place properly. Since Christmas we no longer have a steward for the 5.30 Mass on a Saturday. This means, quite simply: **NO STEWARD, NO MASS.**

If you attend the 5.30 Mass and are not impeded by health or age, [please volunteer your services as a steward](#) - full training will be given. I look forward to your generous response.

❖ **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please collect your envelopes for 2021 from the back of church.

❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, especially those with the Covid-19 virus, whether at home or in hospital; for those who have died recently; and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Fr William Bayliss, Deacon Mark Carter, Hercules Fabre, Mary Kenny, Mary Boon, Bernard Day, John Phillips, Joseph Tellwright, William Mort, Wadislaw Sierowski, Joseph Oswald Basil Tellwright, Alice Kent, Ada Rushton, Guy Emery, Elizabeth Daley & Mary Chavasse.

### Quotation

"No medicine is more valuable, none more efficacious, none better suited to the cure of all our temporal ills than a friend to whom we may turn for consolation in time of trouble – and with whom we may share our happiness in time of joy."

*St Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx in Yorkshire, who wrote a famous work on "Spiritual Friendship". His feast falls this Tuesday.*

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 100.00
	Loose	£ 100.00
		£ 200.00

Congregation: 49 Adults & 10 Young People

Thank you, God bless

*Fr. Paul.*