

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## Sunday 24th January, 2021 Third Sunday of the Year *Sunday of the Word of God*

### FEAST DAYS

**Monday 25th January**  
**The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle**

**Tuesday 26th January**  
**Ss Timothy & Titus**

Timothy and Titus were companions of Paul in the first century, to both of whom he wrote letters. Timothy was bishop of Ephesus and Titus in Crete.

**Wednesday 27th January**  
**St Angela Merici**

St Angela (1470 - 1540) was born in northern Italy. In 1516 she founded the order of the Ursulines, the first teaching order for women approved by the Church. Italy then was rife with violence and open immorality. St Angela believed that the formation of Christian women was society's greatest need.

**Thursday 28th January**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas**

Thomas died in 1274. A Dominican teacher known as the 'Angelic Doctor', his most famous work is the Summa Theologiae.

**Saturday 30th January**  
**Bd Sebastian Valfré of the Oratory**

(1629 - 1710) The life of Sebastian Valfré was not one of extravagant and heroic deeds done for God, but of the sanctification of an existence of regular routine, year in, year out, and of service to God in the circumstances of ordinary life. His cheerful and attractive manner were an example, and he also had his fair share of difficulties which he had to work hard to overcome. But his perseverance, which manifested itself from his earliest years, stood him in good stead.

**Sunday 31st January**  
**Fourth Sunday of the Year**

*Racial Justice Sunday*

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 23rd	5:30pm	Fr Patrick Joyce RIP	
Sunday 24th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - Peter Gannon RIP Mass (EF) - For the People of the Parish	
Monday 25th	9:30am	Mass - Kathleen Forde intentions	
Tuesday 26th	6:00pm	Mass - Paul Sutherland RIP	
Wednesday 27th	9:30am	Mass - Mary Crean intentions	
Thursday 28th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Friday 29th	9:30am	Mass - Sisters in the Care Home, Selly Park	
Saturday 30th	5:30pm	Mass - Peter & Elizabeth O'Brien RIP	
Sunday 31st	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - St Paul's Community, Selly Park, intentions	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* On request

- ❖ **TRACK AND TRACE:** I have been asked several questions about the practice of "track and trace", whereby people attending Mass are asked to leave their names and a contact number. The reason for this is simple: should there be a case of Covid-19 in our congregation, having your details would enable me to get in touch with you very quickly to alert you as to what has happened and what action you should take. It should be pointed out that "track and trace" is not mandatory - that is, your attendance at Mass doesn't depend on your doing it; the details you give are not available to anyone other than myself and our senior stewards, and that they are removed from church and destroyed after fourteen days. I cannot emphasise enough that this procedure is not done for my benefit, but for yours, especially at the moment, when the virus has been spreading so fast.
- ❖ **SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:** In 2019 Pope Francis decreed that the Third Sunday of the Church's year would henceforth be dedicated to "The Word of God", to help us realise and appreciate better the significance of Sacred Scripture in our lives. Since the liturgical reforms of the 1960s and 1970s we are exposed to a very large selection of Scripture readings at Mass, and sometimes these can seem overwhelming or even mysterious to us. If we ever get back to normal lives, it might be a good idea to set up a group in the parish specifically designed to explore and understand better the Sunday Mass readings. In the meantime, during lock-down, we can still do something practical to mark this special Sunday. Might I suggest two possibilities? One: as well as your usual daily prayers, read a chapter of one of the Gospels or Epistles each day; two: at the moment our Sunday Gospels come from St Mark - the shortest of the four Gospels; if you have never read St Mark all through at one sitting, do that - it will take an hour or so, and you will find it illuminating!
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, especially Canon Giles Goward, Rector of Oscott College; for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Fr Christopher Jenkins OSB, Peter Gannon, Henry Rushton, Emily Fuchs, Francis Bailey, Kathleen Quinn, Georgina Green, Freda Green, Mary Kenny, Robin Dickinson, Adrian Brennan, Susanna Morrisroe & Thomas Morrisroe.

### Quotation

"Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do."

*St Thomas Aquinas (died 1274), the great Dominican theologian, whose feast day is this Thursday.*

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 20.00
	Loose	£ 181.00
		£ 201.00

Congregation: 49 Adults & 5 Young People

*Thank you, God bless*

*Fr. Paul.*