

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 21st February, 2021 First Sunday of Lent *Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments*

FEAST DAYS

Monday 22nd February Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

This ancient feast from the fourth century celebrates the unity of the Church through the primacy of St. Peter and his successors.

Tuesday 23rd February St Polycarp

Polycarp died c.155 at the age of 86. He was a disciple of St. John and bishop of Smyrna. He was burned at the stake. After his death he was one of the first martyrs venerated by the Church.

Friday 26th February Lent Fast Day

Saturday 27th February St Gregory of Narek

See this week's notices.

Sunday 28th February Second Sunday of Lent

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 20th	5:30pm	Mass - Donald Alexander Gunn RIP	
Sunday 21st	10:00am	Mass - Peter Gannon RIP	
	5:15pm	Stations of the Cross	
	6:00pm	Mass (EF) - For the People of the Parish	
Monday 22nd	9:30am	Mass - John Tams RIP	
Tuesday 23rd	9:30am	Mass - Sr Madeleine Keegan RIP	
Wednesday 24th	9:30am	Mass - Sr Teresa Burke RIP	
Thursday 25th	9:30am	Mass - Alice Key RIP	
Friday 26th	9:30am	Mass - Bishop Leo McCartie RIP	
Saturday 27th	5:30pm	Mass - Peter Jackson RIP	
Sunday 28th	10:00am	Mass - For the People of the Parish	
	5:15pm	Stations of the Cross	
	6:00pm	Mass (EF) - Francis Rogan intentions	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* On request

- ❖ **LENT FAST DAY:** The CAFOD Lent Fast Day is this Friday. Envelopes for this collection are available at the back of church as usual. Because of restrictions, it is possible to contribute in other ways. You can donate online at: cafod.org.uk/give or you can also easily give via text. Text **LENT** to **70460** to donate £10.
- ❖ **MAINTENANCE OF THE CATHEDRAL:** The annual Second Collection for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham will be taken on Sunday March 7th.
- ❖ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** I would suggest that this year we have Stations of the Cross as usual on the Sundays of Lent at 5.15pm, but it will be led from the Sanctuary rather than involve moving round the church, so as to maintain social distancing regulations. I apologise for the short notice about this!
- ❖ **NEW SAINTS IN THE CALENDAR:** Pope Francis has decreed the insertion of several new Saints in the Church's calendar. I will mention these as and when their feasts come round. The first new one is this Saturday – St Gregory of Narek, who came from the ancient Christian kingdom of Armenia. He was born about the year 950 and died between 1003 and 1011. He was a monk, a mystic and a poet. His most famous work is the "Book of Lamentations", which emphasises the power of God's mercy, and which has hugely influenced Armenian culture to this day, taking second place after the Bible in people's homes. St Gregory was declared a Doctor of the Church in 2015 and is sometimes called the "Doctor of Mercy".
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, especially John Priestley and all those with Covid-19; for those who have died recently, especially John Tams; and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Bishop Joseph Cleary, John Blakenley, Andrew Elliott, Alice Key, Barbara Codrington & George Turner.

Quotation

"You found me, a sinner, lost in darkness, crying like the psalmist in prayer, and because of Your willing care, You were called Shepherd, for not only did You care, but You sought, not only did You find, O worker of miracles, but with the goodness of Your love, a love that defies description, You rescued me, lifting me on Your shoulders, to set down alongside Your heavenly army, the heirs of Your fatherly legacy."

St Gregory of Narek (died circa 1003), Armenian monk, poet and mystic, Doctor of the Church, whom we remember this Saturday.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 135.00
	Loose	£ 194.00
	Total	£ 329.00
Special	Donation	£ 500.00
Congregation:	47 Adults & 4 Young People	

Thank you, God bless

Fr. Paul.