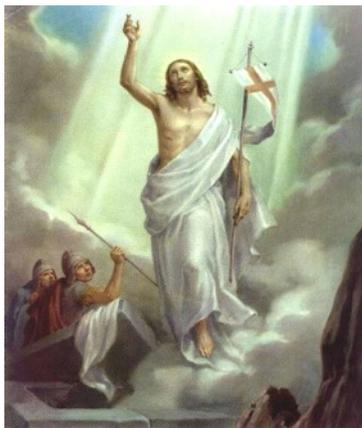


# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## FEAST DAYS

### Wednesday 28th April St Peter Chanel

(1803 - 1841) St Peter Chanel was born in France and died a martyr's death on the island of Futuna, Melanesia. He is called the apostle of Oceania where he spread the Gospel. He was a religious of the Society of Mary (Marists).

### Thursday 29th April St. Catherine of Siena

#### Patron of Europe

(1347 - 1380) St Catherine was a responsible instrument for the return of Pope Gregory XI from Avignon to Rome. In deed and in truth, she showed her love for God's Church and the Roman Pontiff. With her short life she gave us a lesson in courage: the courage of telling the truth for love of the Church and souls. Imprinted with the sacred stigmata, she died in Rome at thirty three years of age. She was proclaimed patroness of Italy on 18 June 1939. In 1970, Pope Paul proclaimed her Doctor of the Church.

### Friday 30th April St. Pius V, Pope

(1504 - 1572) Michael Ghislieri was of poor, though noble family. He was taken in by the Dominicans of Voghera where he received a good education and was trained in the way of solid and austere piety. He was ordained in 1528 and taught theology and philosophy for sixteen years. He was elected Pope in 1566 and his pontificate was one of the most glorious in the sixteenth century. He enforced the decrees of the Council of Trent, published the Roman Catechism and revised the Missal and the Breviary.

### Saturday 1st May St Joseph the Worker

Pope Pius XII instituted this feast to be celebrated on this day so that we might be led to seek, under the guidance of the Carpenter of Nazareth, justice peace and charity through the eternal and unshakable principles first propounded by Christ Himself.

### Sunday 2nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 125.00
	Loose	£ 202.50
	Total	£ 327.50
Special	Holy Places (late)	£ 10.00
Congregation: 63 Adults & 6 Young People		

## Sunday 25th April, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 24th	5:30pm	Mass - Sr Kathleen & Leadership Team intentions	
Sunday 25th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - David Ashley RIP	
Monday 26th	9:30am	Mass - May Wall RIP	
Tuesday 27th	NB 6:00pm	Mass - Francis Rogan intentions	
Wednesday 28th	9:30am	Mass - Sr Eileen Noonan intentions	
Thursday 29th	9:30am	Mass - St Paul's Sisters' Diamond Jubilarians intentions	
Friday 30th	9:30am	Mass - Matthew Poland RIP	
Saturday 1st May	5:30pm	Mass - Marinus Pynenburg RIP	
Sunday 2nd	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Pro defuncta	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* On request

- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** To coincide with the Day of Prayer for Vocations, we have the annual Second Collection for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund. There is some literature about all of this at the back of church.
- ❖ **MASS ON TUESDAY** will be at 6pm, as I have my regular hospital appointment in Birmingham that morning.
- ❖ **A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY:** The Archbishop has issued the little prayer, which you might like to say at home.

### Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, you call each of us to follow Jesus, your Son, on the path he has marked out for us - the way of charity, service and fulfilment. May the homes and parishes of the Archdiocese of Birmingham be blessed with ever-renewed dedication to the work of building up your kingdom here on earth. May those whom you call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, faithfully give themselves to the service of your Church. Prompted and strengthened by your Holy Spirit, may I respond generously to the call to follow you each day and live out my vocation, to give you glory, for the good of those around me and for my own happiness. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- ❖ **IT'S NOW TIME TO COME BACK TO CHURCH:** I saw this on an online parish newsletter and thought it was worth repeating here: "Now that we can dine out, have our hair cut, go to non-essential shops, etc (and from 17th May further restrictions will be lifted) it's time to get back to regular Mass attendance. Most people have had their first job, some their second, and you're safer in Church than in a supermarket, corner shop, or cafe. Our sanitizing, safe-distancing, and Covid precautions are second to none. Welcome home to the Church!"
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for the sick, especially members of our parish; for those who have died recently, especially David Ashley; and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Ruth Austin, James Swift, Agnes O'Donnell & Agnes Whitton.

### Quotation

"You are a fire that takes away the coldness, enlightens the mind with its light, and causes me to know Your truth. And I know that You are beauty and truth itself, and wisdom itself."

*From the Prayers of St Catherine of Siena (died 1380), a great Italian mystic and religious, honoured as a Patron Saint of Europe and a Doctor of the Church. Her feast is this Thursday.*

*Thank you, God bless*  
*J. Paul.*