

# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## FEAST DAYS

### Monday 3rd May Ss Philip & James

Like St Peter and St Andrew, **St Philip** was from Bethsaida. He was crucified at Hierapolis in Phrygia, where he had preached the Gospel. He introduced St Bartholomew to Christ. Christ declared to St Philip, "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father ... I am in the Father and the Father in me" (John 14:8-9) **St James** was a cousin of Our Lord. He is called James the Less, to distinguish him from the other James. As Bishop of Jerusalem, he wrote one of the epistles of the New Testament. St James was thrown down the terrace of the Temple and then stoned to death. The names of Philip and James are mentioned in the Roman Canon.

### Tuesday 4th May The English Martyrs

This feast celebrates the many men and women who suffered for the faith in England between 1535 and 1680 and have subsequently been recognised by the Church. These include priests, both secular and religious, as well as laity who were prepared to shelter them, to arrange secret Masses and to witness the Faith. They came from all backgrounds and ages, and their heroic witness helps us have a greater love for the Church, the Mass and the priesthood.

### Wednesday 5th May St Nunzio Sulprizio

### Sunday 9th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Sunday 2nd May, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
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	
Monday 3rd	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Harry Murphy & Family intentions Margaret Elliott Year's Mind Requiem	
Tuesday 4th	9:30am	Mass - Angela Ryan RIP	
Wednesday 5th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Thursday 6th	9:30am 5:00pm	Mass - Holy Souls <b>Reception into Church of David Ashley RIP</b>	
Friday 7th	9:30am 1:00pm	Mass - Bridget Herbert & Family intentions Requiem Mass for David Ashley RIP	
Saturday 8th	5:30pm	Mass - John Mee RIP	
Sunday 9th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Anne-Marie Rogan-Pearman intentions	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* On request

- ❖ **A NEW SAINT:** This past week it was announced in Rome that the Pope is to canonise a new saint who comes from medieval times. She is Margaret of Castello, who died in 1320 aged just 33. She was born a dwarf, blind, hunchbacked and severely disabled. Her parents rejected her and she was brought up by local villagers and some nuns and from them learnt the Psalms by heart. Margaret became a Dominican tertiary and devoted her short life to others, particularly the sick, the dying, prisoners and children. She was beatified as long ago as 1609 by Pope Paul V, and since then some 200 miracles have been ascribed to her intercession. Her body remains incorrupt. Because of her condition she is invoked as the Patron Saint of the handicapped and disabled, the unwanted, Right to Life groups and the blind. In an age like ours when some people seek to destroy in the womb those lives discovered to be physically challenged, this new Saint teaches us very forcefully what wonders God can do in and through a seemingly disadvantaged life, and that to Him all life is precious and important.
- ❖ **THIS WEEK** we have two Requiem Masses: on Monday for Mrs Margaret Elliott, who died a year ago, but who did not have a Funeral Mass at the time because of the first lock-down; on Friday for Mr David Ashley who died recently, and who attended the Sunday 6pm Mass most weeks. Both their remains will be interred in our cemetery in Swynnerton. Because of current regulations numbers attending both Masses are restricted.
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, especially members of our families and parish; for those who have died recently; and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Bishop Joseph Gray, Fr David Duggan, Fr Walter Jôret, John Murphy, Francis Greatrex, William Wilcox, Jim & Margaret Pate, Nicholas Fitzherbert, Jessica Phillips, Elizabeth Boon & William Hammond.

### Quotation

"Oh, if you only knew what I carried in my heart, you would marvel!"

Words of Blessed Margaret of Castello (died 1320), whose canonisation has just been announced.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 167.00
	Loose	£ 147.50
	Total	£ 314.50
Special	Priests' Training Fund	£ 180.50
Congregation:	68 Adults & 7 Young People	

Thank you, God bless  
*Fr. Paul.*