

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 28th February, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

FEAST DAYS

Monday 1st March St David, Patron of Wales

(c600) David was born in south Wales. We know very little of his life; tradition says he founded a monastery in Mynyw (Menevia) and was consecrated bishop. He lived an austere life and many Welsh monasteries claim him as founder. His cult spread quickly and in 1120 pope Callistus III declared that two pilgrimages to his shrine at St David's were equivalent to one to Rome.



Tuesday 2nd March St. Chad, Patron of the Archdiocese

Chad was born in the seventh century, was educated at Lindisfarne, and as a bishop established his See at Lichfield. His reputation spread quickly and favourably as a kind pastor who sought out the lost and cared for the sick. He died at Lichfield in 672. Today his shrine is located in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.

Thursday 4th March St. Casimir

Casimir died in 1484. He was a Prince of Poland, he led an austere life and was a great friend of the poor. Patron of Poland and Lithuania

Sunday 7th March Third Sunday of Lent

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 27th	5:30pm	Mass - Peter Jackson RIP	
Sunday 28th	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Mass (EF) - Francis Rogan intentions	
Monday 1st March	9:30am	Mass - Union of Catholic Mothers intentions	
Tuesday 2nd	NB 6:00pm	Mass - Henry Key RIP	
Wednesday 3rd	9:30am	Mass - Anne Gamble RIP	
Thursday 4th	9:30am	Mass - Alison & Joe Prosser intentions	
Friday 5th	9:30am	Mass - Sr Brigid Keegan intentions	
Saturday 6th	5:30pm	Mass - Frank Falconer RIP	
Sunday 7th	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Mass (EF) - John Tams RIP	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* On request

- ❖ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place on Sunday at 5.15pm following social distancing regulations etc.
- ❖ **MASS ON TUESDAY** this week will be at 6pm as I have a hospital appointment in the morning.
- ❖ **PLEASE RETURN THE FRIDAY FAST ENVELOPES** this weekend.
- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend we have the annual Second Collection for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham.
- ❖ **LENT ALMS:** There is a basket at the back of church for any donations you might wish to make to this year's Lent Alms, which will go to 'PACT', the Catholic charity which supports prisoners and their families. The past year has been particularly hard for prisoners, what with many outbreaks of the virus in prisons, which has meant their being in virtual solitary confinement for most of each day, with no outside visitors, classes or job training, and with gyms and sports suspended and chapels closed. As I well know, there has not been a Mass at Drake Hall, our local prison, since last March.
- ❖ **ANOTHER LOCAL SAINT:** On February 20th Pope Francis signed the decree recognising the Heroic Virtues of Fr Ignatius Spencer (1799 – 1864), a Passionist priest. He was a member of the family which was later to produce Winston Churchill and Diana, Princess of Wales. A convert Anglican derygman, he became a Catholic priest, working in West Bromwich, Dudley, Tipton and such like. He was Spiritual Director at Oscott College and then entered the Passionists under the guidance of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Ignatius did his novitiate at Aston Hall and worked with the poor Irish immigrants in the workhouse in Stone. Later on he travelled all over the country giving spiritual conferences, retreats and missions. Like Blessed Dominic and Mother Elizabeth Prout he is buried at Sutton St Helen's, near Liverpool. Finally, it shouldn't be forgotten that he had an abiding love of cricket! As and when miracles are ascribed to his intercession he will be beatified and canonised. Venerable Father Ignatius, pray for us!
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, especially members of our parish; for those who have died recently: Fr Oliver Kemp, Fr John Fallon & Anne Gamble; and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Samuel Miller; Henry Key, Sarah Cotterill, Frances Bates, Frederick Turner, Enrique Mateu, Mary Frances Cheadle, Lucy Hammond, Elizabeth Turner, and Winifred Naylor.

Quotation

"Above all, everyone should in conversation try to avoid anger or bad temper, or showing he is annoyed with someone, and no one should hurt another in word or deed, or in any way."

St Vincent de Paul (died 1660), who dedicated his life to the poor and suffering, and founded religious congregations.

Thank you, God bless

Fr. Paul.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 155.00
	Loose	£ 215.10
		£ 370.10

Congregation: 50 Adults & 4 Young People