

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 14th March, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

FEAST DAYS

Monday 15th March
Lent Feria

Tuesday 16th March
Lent Feria

Wednesday 17th March
St. Patrick - Patron of Ireland



(385 - 461) St Patrick was born into a Christian Romano-British family. His first encounter with Ireland was as a slave after he was captured by raiders at the age of sixteen. After escaping, he studied in Gaul and was ordained a priest. Around 432 he returned to Ireland as a missionary bishop and succeeded in consolidating the faith in large parts of the country.

Thursday 18th March
St. Cyril of Jerusalem

St Cyril was born near Jerusalem and for many years served as Patriarch of that holy city, although after disputes with Arian heretics, had him exiled for seventeen years. He is mainly known for his "Catecheses" His instructions, which are still present, show conclusively that catholic doctrine is the same then as now. It was his catechetical instructions which led him to be declared a Doctor of the Church in 1882.

Friday 19th March
St. Joseph - Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Joseph lived in the 1st Century. Foster-Father of Christ and husband of Mary, nothing is known of his life except that reported in the gospels. According to the apocryphal writings he was an old man when betrothed to Mary although his role of protector of the Holy Family makes this unlikely. He is patron of the Universal Church, fathers, bursars, carpenters, manual labourers and of a Holy death.

Sunday 21st March
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 13th	5:30pm	Mass - Eleanor Garvey	
Sunday 14th	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Mass (EF) - Ann Pate RIP	
Monday 15th	9:30am	Mass - Sr Rita Cox RIP	
Tuesday 16th	9:30am	Mass - Sr Josephine Lenihan intentions (100th birthday)	
Wednesday 17th	9:30am	Mass - John Key RIP	
Thursday 18th	9:30am	Mass - Sheila Meakin intentions	
Friday 19th	9:30am	Mass - Nancie Owen RIP	
Saturday 20th	5:30pm	Mass - Theresa Jackson RIP	
Sunday 21st	10:00am 5:15pm 6:00pm	Mass - Brian Gillow RIP Stations of the Cross Mass (EF) - For the People of the Parish	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* On request

- ❖ **THIS WEEKEND** we have a Pastoral Letter from His Grace the Archbishop, which will be read at all Masses.
- ❖ **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place on Sunday at 5.15pm. Please do your best to come – there is plenty of room, even with current restrictions!
- ❖ **THE NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH** continues daily after Mass, as we prepare for his feast day on Friday.
- ❖ **HOLY WEEK** is fast approaching. It will be a joy to have you in church this year, after the desolate and deserted experience of 2020, which I will never forget. As we did at Christmas, I would suggest you let me know (telephone, email, word of mouth) if you intend coming to any of the ceremonies, so that we don't exceed permitted numbers. The ceremonies this year will be significantly simplified and many of the things we usually do will not happen. The Bishops have issued instructions for each day for us to follow. The times of services will be: **Palm Sunday – usual times; Maundy Thursday: 6pm; Good Friday: 3pm; Easter Vigil: Saturday 8pm; Easter Sunday: 10am & 6pm (Latin).**
- ❖ **OF YOUR CHARITY** please pray for all who are sick at this time, whether at home or in hospital; for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Maria Corincou, Edmund Zerr, Joan Mullee, Patricia Sharp, John Key, Patricia Palourti, Caroline Scally & Reginald Perry.

Quotation

"I have a great love for St. Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table, I have an image of St. Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words, I tell him: 'Pray for this problem!'"

Pope Francis, who has dedicated this year to St Joseph.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 220.00
	Loose	£ 184.00
	Total	£ 404.00
Special	St Chad's Cathedral	£ 83.00
Congregation:	55 Adults & 5 Young People	

Thank you, God bless
Fr. Paul.