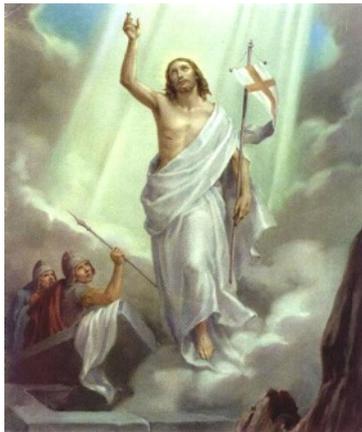


# Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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## FEAST DAYS

### Tuesday 10th May St John of Ávila

(1499 - 1569), St John was canonised in 1970 and made a Doctor of the Church in 2012. Most of his priestly life was spent in and around Seville and Cordoba and he is honoured with the title "Apostle of Andalusia". Summarising John of Ávila's work, Pope Benedict XVI explained that the Saint taught that "Christian spiritual life, as a participation in the life of the Blessed Trinity, begins with faith in the God who is Love, is grounded in God's goodness and mercy as expressed in the merits of Christ, and is wholly guided by the Spirit". His master work "Audi, filia" (Listen, daughter) was first translated into English as early as 1620.

### Thursday 12th May Ss Nereus & Achilleus

Ss Nereus and Archilleus were Roman soldiers during the reign of Diocletian. They embraced the true faith. As a result they were martyred.

### Friday 13th May Our Lady of Fatima

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children at Fatima (Portugal) on the thirteenth day for six consecutive months in 1917. She brought a message of peace and reparation for sin, encouraging devotion to her Immaculate Heart and the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

### Saturday 14th May St Matthias, Apostle

(+64) After the Ascension of Our Lord, St Peter proposed that the disciples select an apostle in place of Judas. The choice was Matthias, who joined the eleven apostles. He worked for the faith in Palestine, and later was stoned to death.

### Sunday 15th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Sunday 8th May, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 7th	5:30pm	Mass - Margaret Leese RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 8th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - Margaret Elliott RIP Mass (EF) - For the People of the Parish	
Monday 9th	9:30am 1:30pm	Mass - Malise C. R. Monteith RIP Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) Fr David Eccleshare RIP	
Tuesday 10th	9:30am	Mass - Sr Cecilia Bordea intentions (Silver Jubilee)	
Wednesday 11th	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls	
Thursday 12th	9:30am	Mass - In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered (MD)	
Friday 13th	9:30am	Mass - Sr Tereza Ciuchin intentions (Silver Jubilee)	
Saturday 14th	5:30pm	Mass - Margaret Dash RIP	11:00 - 11:30 am*
Sunday 15th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - Peter Gannon RIP Mass (EF) - For the People of the Parish	

Note: Services in Black in church  
Services in Blue elsewhere

\* On request

- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION 1:** This weekend, as we pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, we have the annual Second Collection for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund. At the moment, this Archdiocese has nine students for the priesthood – two of them are deacons and will be ordained as priests in the summer. (Also one of my community in Birmingham will be ordained priest next month). Training priests (six or seven years usually) is not cheap, so please be as generous as you can.
- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION 2:** You may remember some weeks ago the Archbishop launched a scheme, in conjunction with Father Hudson's Society, to help find homes for Ukrainian refugees coming to our part of the country. The Archbishop has written this week asking for a special Second Collection next weekend (May 14th/15th) to help these refugees and to assist Father Hudson's in this important work. You were amazingly generous during Lent in support of Ukraine, so let's try to help once again those who are now exiled from their homes because of the war.
- ❖ **CHURCH FLOWERS:** Four volunteers emerged after last week's request for help. Still time to add your name if you wish!
- ❖ **WEEKDAY MASSES:** Thanks to those who responded to the survey about the time for Mass in the week. So far, we have 4 people for 9.30, 4 people for 10am, four people for 10.30, and two for other times. I may have to toss a coin! Please let me know your opinion if you haven't yet responded.
- ❖ **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: Fr Walter Jôret, Basil John Fitzherbert, William Hammond & Margaret Pate.

### Quotation

"A single 'Blessed be God' in adversity is worth more than a thousand acts of thanksgiving in prosperity."

*St John of Avila (died 1569), renowned Spanish priest and a great preacher.  
A Doctor of the Church, his feast is kept this Tuesday.*

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 165.00
	Loose	£ 223.80
	Total	£ 388.80
Special:	African Missions	£ 580.00
Congregation: 90 Adults & 14 Young People		

Thank you, God bless

*Fr. Paul*