

Our Lady of the Assumption Swynnerton

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Sunday 8th December, 2019 Second Sunday of Advent Bible Sunday

FEAST DAYS

Monday 9th December
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Patroness of the Diocese

Tuesday 10th December
St. Edmund Gemmings
Edmund died in 1591. Born in Lichfield he converted to Catholicism and trained in Rheims. He returned to England and within a month he was arrested whilst celebrating Mass in the home of Swithun Wells in London. He was martyred at the age of 24.

Wednesday 11th December
St. Damascus
Damascus was born about the year 305. During troubled times for the Church he was chosen to be pope. He defended the Church against heretics and promoted devotion to the martyrs and he embellished their tombs with sacred verse. He died in the year 384.

Thursday 12th December
Our Lady of Guadalupe
On the 9 December 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St Juan Diego and left an image of herself imprinted upon his cloak. The image was placed in a magnificent shrine at Guadalupe where it became an object of great devotion and encouraged the devotion of the Mexican nation towards the Mother of God. Many miracles were attributed to her intercession and Our Lady of Guadalupe was named as 'Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas'. She is Patroness of the Unborn.

Friday 13th December
St. Lucy
(Fourth Century) She died at Syracuse (Sicily), probably during the persecution of Diocletian. From antiquity, her cult spread throughout the Church. Her name is in the Roman Canon.

Saturday 14th December
St. John of the Cross
(1542 - 1591) St John was born in Spain. After a number of years as a Carmelite, he was persuaded by St Teresa of Jesus to lead the reform of his Order. He suffered many tribulations. A renowned mystic, he wrote much on prayer and the mystery of the Cross.

Sunday 15th December
Third Sunday of Advent

Day	Time	Service	Confession*
Saturday 7th	5:30pm	Mass - Special Intention (MW)	11:00- 11:30 am*
Sunday 8th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Holy Souls (November List)	
Monday 9th	9:30am	Mass - Val Drinkwater RIP	
Tuesday 10th	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls (November List)	
Wednesday 11th	9:30am	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	
Thursday 12th	9:30am	Mass - Holy Souls (November List)	
Friday 13th	9:30am 2:30pm	Mass - Special Intention (Duhig Family) Mass - (HMP Drake Hall) For all Prisoners	
Saturday 14th	10:00am 5:30pm	Mass (EF) - Private Intention Mass - Holy Souls (November List)	11:00- 11:30 am*
Sunday 15th	10:00am 6:00pm	Mass - For the People of the Parish Mass (EF) - Special Intention (Duhig Family)	

Note: Services in Black in church
Services in Blue elsewhere

* After all Masses on request

- ❖ **MONDAY** this week is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, transferred from Sunday. Under that title, Our Lady is the Principal Patroness of our Archdiocese. Although not a Holyday of Obligation in England, it is a day when perhaps we might make an extra effort to get to Mass, to pray for Our Lady's intercession for the welfare of our Diocese and our Archbishop.
- ❖ **SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend we have the annual Second Collection for the Poor (or Small) Parishes in the Diocese. At the moment we continue to benefit directly from this Fund, so please be as generous as you can. From the New Year the Diocese is changing the way many of the levies on parishes are collected, so we may see a corresponding decrease in the number of Second Collections. The money will still be taken, but you won't notice it going quite so obviously! (Rather like tax promises in the run up to a General Election!)
- ❖ **CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY DECEMBER 22ND:** This year it is our turn to host the Swynnerton Carol Service, which will be on Sunday 22nd December at 4pm. Any volunteers to help with refreshments after the service will be made most welcome – they are served in St Mary's Hall. Alison Harman, from St Mary's, organises the music and would welcome any additional singers. There will be rehearsals on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm in St Mary's Hall and on Wednesday 18th December in our church. Further details from Alison on 01782 796681 or 07768740736.
- ❖ **SILENCE IS GOLDEN!** In response to several comments received, please note that before and after Mass we should aim to keep a sense of stillness and quiet prayer to help us prepare to meet Our Lord in the celebration of the Mass. We should try to honour that old saying:
Before Mass, we speak to God.
During Mass, God speaks to us.
After Mass, we speak to each other.

Quotation

"You are the glory of Jerusalem! You are the great joy of Israel! You are the highest honour of our race!"

Words from the Old Testament Book of Judith, (chapter 15, verse 9),
which are often applied to Our Lady in her Immaculate Conception of the Universe.

Collection:	Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 206.00
	Loose	£ 235.00
		£ 441.00
Congregation:	83 Adults & 7 Young People	

Thank you, God bless
J. Paul.