

Ss Mary and Modwen's Catholic Church, Burton

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St Christopher's Catholic Church, Tutbury

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Part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Registered Charity Number 234216
This Parish is served by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans)

Parish Clergy

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First Sunday of Advent, Year B (Year of Prayer)

2nd/3rd December 2023

First Sunday of Advent: Mass & Readings: Sunday Year B. Weekdays – Advent, Week 1. Psalter Week 1

Saturday 2nd <i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i> <i>Margaret Emery RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 3rd <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Henry Nolan RIP</i> <i>Carlo & Carmelina Morrone</i> <i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
Monday 4th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
Tuesday 5th <i>Feast of St Birinus, Bishop</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
Wednesday 6th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
Thursday 7th <i>Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	Mass 9:30am Mass 7:00pm	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i> <i>Parish Volunteers and all Ministries</i>
Friday 8th <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
Saturday 9th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Michael Chukwudi RIP</i> <i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
Sunday 10th <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Tina Laws RIP</i>

CONFESSION: We have Confession in the Parish every Saturday after 9:30am Mass and on request. Please avail yourself of the opportunity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH:

Mary Conway, Maya Whatton, Damian Walsh, Tony Mulcahy, Pat Lawton, Joe Emery, Sheila Chatterton, Carolyn Edge, Richard Waldron, Andrew Poyser, Sue Rose, Eileen Davis, Chris Morris, Sadie Blackford, Martin Routledge, Marilyn Gough, Dolly Rothwell, Justin Oguora, Emily Woodward, John Woodward, Shaji Augusthy, Margaret Hudson, Gordon Adams, Brian Hallam, Paul Hughes.

MASS ATTENDANCE: For last Sunday 440

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: For last Sunday: £641.58

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£7,025.59

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £152.00

Last Sunday Second Collection: **The Catholic Youth Service:** £109.48

This Sunday Second Collection: **Church Flowers for Christmas**

Next Sunday Second Collection: **The Poor Parishes of the Diocese**

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CENACLE GROUP: Our Cenacle Prayer group meets **every Tuesday at 7:00pm.** Parishioners are invited and encouraged to enrol and be part of our Blessed Mother's battle-ready army. There is a petition box in front of Our Lady's statue during Cenacle prayer. Bring your petitions to her; she is a great intercessor. Thank you to current and future participants.

ST MOD'S TIDDLERS: Sessions on Friday are suspended until further notice.

FOODBANK: We encourage parishioners to contribute food items for those struggling with the cost of food. Please bring the items to church.

SOUP KITCHEN: Huge thanks to parishioners for the generous donations of soup and beans. We are running short of a few tins of baked beans, Oxtail, and vegetable soup so would be grateful if you could spare even one tin which can be placed in box at back of church. We are welcoming over 20 people through the doors each week. Thank you and God bless. Elaine and the team.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION: Catechism classes in preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for children who do not currently attend St. Modwen's Catholic School have started on Saturday 25th November in the parish centre. For First Holy Communion: 9:30am to 10:30am; Confirmation: 11:00am - 12:00noon.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Sunday 17th December: **Friday Voices**, an award-winning choir from the local area, will present the traditional service of **Nine Lessons and Carols** at 7:30pm in St Mary and Modwen's Catholic Church. A beautiful selection of choral music for Advent and Christmas, interspersed with scripture readings for the season, will help us to prepare our hearts and minds at this busy time. No tickets required but there will be a retiring collection (suggested donation £5 per adult).

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER - For persons with disability:

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer incentive programmes which value their active participation.

11:00AM MASS THIS SUNDAY: We welcome Confirmation candidates from St Modwen's Catholic Primary School for their Enrolment Mass. Please, pray for them.

HOME VISITATION: Fr Stan and Fr Arthur have started home visitations and would like to visit the home of all parishioners. It would be great if parishioners could indicate interest, contact the parish office to arrange a date for your home visitation.

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Denise Butler who can be contacted via e-mail at sg.stmary-mod.burton-on-trent@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or via e-mail safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern. There is access to more information from the Diocese, the Catholic National Safeguarding Policy and support materials on the parish website <http://www.maryandmodwen.org.uk>

DIOCESAN VISION - UNFOLDING GOD'S PLAN: We are called to be a Catholic Diocese which is: faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour. To achieve our vision together, Archbishop Bernard Longley is asking us all to focus on these four areas:

Evangelisation, Formation, Liturgy and Worship and Social Outreach. He wants us to look at how we will individually respond to God's call to be missionary disciples in the Church and in our local communities, working joyfully together to spread the Word and the work of God. In essence, how will we unfold God's plan for us within our Diocese?

Evangelisation... Sharing our faith; **Liturgy and Worship...** Celebrating our faith;
Formation... Deepening our faith; **Social Outreach...** Witnessing our faith.

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS: It's that time of year again for boxes to be emptied and monies transferred to Missio HQ. Please pass your red box to the stewards as you arrive for any Mass on Sundays Nov 19th, 26th and Dec 3rd - alternatively red boxes can be taken to the Parish Office any Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs between 10.30am - 3.00pm before Nov 30th. Thank you for your ongoing support for Missio via your Red Box contributions. Similar thanks to parishioners who rather than having a Red Box at home have decided instead to set up a monthly donation direct to Missio or make a 'one-off' donation during the year. **Thank You All.** I'll confirm the total amount raised during 2023 by our parish once confirmed in Spring 2024 by Missio HQ.

Best wishes - Paul Moon - Parish Missio Red Box Co-ordinator.

GIFTAID: If you are a UK taxpayer, please sign up to "Gift Aid" your offering and / or donations to the parish. If you "Gift Aid" your offering/donations it means the parish can claim back the tax you paid on your donation. This effectively increases your offering/donation by 25% and you don't have to do anything. Without costing you extra, **"GIFT AID" and YOU GIVE MORE!** Please call at the Parish Office or see any of the priests after Mass for the appropriate forms.

STANDING ORDER AND GIFT AID FORMS: Would you, please, return your standing order and gift aid forms to the parish office or you give them to any of the priests after Mass. Please leave your phone number on the back (opposite side) of the form. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO ADVISE YOUR BANK TO SET UP THE STANDING ORDER.** Thank you and God bless.

Next Sunday's Rota – 10th December 2023			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Gerry Gough	Vasso Vydelingum	Jomy John
Eucharistic Minister	Jerome Emery	Pat Molloy	Bill Moloney
Tea & Coffee	John & Anne Ward	Patricia Carver & Christine Hardly	Bill & Margaret Moloney
Stewards	Jerome Emery	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	?????
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
10th December	?????		

OUR PARISH IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY: Please remember, this is your Parish (Ss Mary & Modwen and St Christopher). We have inherited from the donations of previous generations of parishioners, beautiful churches in which to worship and celebrate the Mass, baptisms, weddings and funerals. We have a duty to ensure that this Parish is here for future generations. Please give careful consideration to increasing your regular financial contributions, even those who are unable to attend Mass, to ensure the future financial and spiritual wellbeing of our Parish. **You can contribute via standing order (preferred method - details available from Sr Bridget at the Parish office),** gift aid envelopes or a direct lump sum (cheque or cash). Envelopes or donations can be posted at the Presbytery at any time. Our parish, Ss. Mary and Modwen and St Christopher, still greatly needs your support. God bless.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2ND DECEMBER 2023: Thank you for all your kind donations and support for the Christmas Bazaar. The raffle winners' list is on the notice board, please have a look at it. If you are one of the winners, please collect your prize from the Presbytery. Please bring your ticket number for identification.

APPRECIATION: Many thanks to Paul Moon for steering the Bazaar Planning Committee, and all who worked on the Bazaar Planning Committee for their hard work and for a job well done in organising our Parish Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Bazaar. God bless you.

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024: In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. It begins this weekend on the First Sunday of Advent. There is a particular focus on the *Our Father*, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

ADVENT RECOLLECTION: As we begin the season of Advent, we will have Advent Recollection for the parish on Wednesday, 6th December in the Church from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. Please, do well to attend.

MEETING WITH VOLUNTEERS: There will be a meeting of all volunteers and all involved in different ministries in the parish on Thursday 7th December. It will begin with Mass at 7:00pm. Please, endeavour to attend.

GREENERY FOR CHRISTMAS CRIB: Would those who can please bring some greeneries to Church next week for preparation of our Christmas Crib. God bless.

A FESTIVAL OF
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FRIDAY VOICES



Sunday 17th December

Ss. Mary and Modwen Catholic Church,
Burton-on-Trent: 7.30pm

RETIRING COLLECTION
(Suggested amount: £5)

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