

Ss Mary and Modwen's Catholic Church, Burton

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First Sunday of Lent - Year A 21st/22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent: Mass & Readings: Year A. Weekdays: Year II First Sunday of Lent. Hours: Psalter Week 1.

Saturday 21st <i>Saturday after Ash</i> <i>Wednesday</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Myra O'Brien RIP</i> <i>Brian Bourton RIP</i>
Sunday 22nd <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Barry & Gladys Pickering RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Patricia & Hugo Cardona RIP</i>
Monday 23rd <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Grace & Olivia God's healing</i>
Tuesday 24th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Patricia Leahy RIP</i>
Wednesday 25th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
Thursday 26th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:15 St Modwen School Mass 9:30am	<i>St Modwen School Intention</i> <i>Ansa Joji God's Blessing,</i> <i>Birthday</i>
Friday 27th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7:30pm	<i>Special Intention</i> } For the duration of Lent <i>James Moran RIP</i>
Saturday 28th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm – Tutbury	<i>Peter Msallbone Intentions</i> <i>Johnny Hannon RIP</i>
Sunday 1st <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>John Bretherton RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>John Hayes RIP</i>

CONFESSION: St. Mary & Modwen's Church every Saturday after 9:30am Mass. In addition, we will provide confession on request. Please take the opportunity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to help in the cleaning of the church. Interested persons should see any of the priests or Ann Ward.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH:

Maya Whatton, Damian Walsh, Tony Mulcahy, Pat Lawton, Joe Emery, Sheila Chatterton, Carolyn Edge, Richard Waldron, Andrew Poyser, Sue Rose, Chris Morris, Sadie Blackford, Martin Routledge, Marilyn Gough, Emily Woodward, John Woodward, Shaji Augusthy, Cathal Cushnahan, Carol Boulton, Agnes Fitzgerald, Chris Adkin, Bridget Hallam.

MASS ATTENDANCE: For last Sunday 505

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Last Sunday: £782.14

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Life Charity £183.7**

This Sunday Second Collection: **Building and Development**

Next Sunday Second Collection: **CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CENACLE GROUP: Our Cenacle Prayer group meets **every Tuesday at 7:00pm.** to pray the Rosary. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to join. Bring your petitions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, which you can put in the petition box in front of Our Lady's statue during Cenacle prayer. God bless.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY – For Children with Incurable Diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

PIETY SHOP: Our Piety Shop, in the Parish Centre, opens after 9:00am Mass on Sundays. Please come and have a look, we are selling a selection of religious articles, books and cards. We still need more volunteers to help after 11:00am and 6:00pm Masses on Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please see one of the priests.

HOME VISITS: Fr Stan and Fr Matthew are available for home visits and would like to visit the home of all parishioners. It would be great if parishioners could indicate interest and contact the parish office to arrange a date for your home visitation.

LICHFIELD AND WALSALL DEANERY VISITATION [DATE CHANGE]: The visitations start on the 15th November 2025 until 22nd March 2026. Our own parish will now be visited on the **21st March & 22nd March 2026.** **NB. THE DATE HAS CHANGED AS ARCHBISHOP BERNARD WILL BE CONDUCTING THE VISIT TO OUR PARISH.** A schedule for the weekend will be published shortly. Please pray for the success of the Deanery Visitation.

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER: Bishop Richard Moth was installed as the 12th Archbishop of Westminster on February 14th, 2026, succeeding Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Appointed by Pope Leo XIV, the 67-year-old former Bishop of Arundel and Brighton takes leadership of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Previously served as Bishop of Arundel and Brighton (since 2015) and Bishop of the Forces (2009–2015).



TRAINING FOR NEW & CURRENT ALTAR SERVERS: Training for NEW altar servers who have never served before will be held on Sunday 22nd February at 4:30pm. Training for ALL current Altar Servers will be held on Sunday 1st March at 4:00pm. Any queries please contact Matthew on 07442 010715.

MISSIO 2026 CALENDARS: are now available at the back of the church for all who would like one. **Best wishes,** Paul Moon Parish Missio Co-ordinator

MISSIO RED BOXES: - The total raised during 2025 by parishioners with Red Boxes at home was **£486.03**. A **BIG THANK YOU** for your much appreciated, ongoing support for Missio. Your Red boxes are available to pick up from the back of church, along with a thank you note. When received from Missio HQ, look out for an update confirming the 'grand total' donated by our parish **through both** red box contributions and individual parishioners who donate directly.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Please note that we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every week on Wednesdays at 10:00am. You are welcome to spend 1 hour with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament before Mass.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE WINNERS: 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.

rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): There will be a meeting with the adults who have already registered to be baptised or received into full communion of the Catholic Church. It will be in Church on Thursday 26th February at 5:30pm.

RITE OF ELECTION: The Rite of Election will take place at St Chad's Cathedral today **Sunday 22nd February at 3:00pm**, the First Sunday of Lent. Archbishop Bernard will welcome all those adults who have been preparing for the sacraments - whether Baptism or reception into full Communion with the Catholic Church – followed by Confirmation and the Eucharist, at Easter. Let us support them and pray for them for their journey of faith to the Sacraments of Initiation.

200 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions for 2026 are now due. Margaret will be in the Parish Centre after each Mass on Sunday 22nd February and Sunday 1st March to collect your subs. Thank you to all who have already contacted me and paid. You can always put your subscriptions in an envelope with your name and number (if known) marked for my attention and leave at the presbytery, give to me at 11:00am Sunday Mass or hand to Angela Swinson at any time. There are still quite a few numbers available if you would like to take on an additional number or join the 200 Club if you are not already a member. It is £12 for the year to have a number in the draw. Prizes are £50, £20 and £10 each month. Thank you for your support. Margaret Barker.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7:00pm. It is our Catholic practice. Please do attend.

Next Sunday's Rota 1st March 2026			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Abel Tharappel	Vasso Vydelingum	Paul Bowen
Eucharistic Minister	Gerry Gough	Rosemary Scott	Angelina Dyche
Tea & Coffee	Mary Bird & Colette Kirkland	Joyce & Margaret	Bill & Margaret Moloney
Stewards	Jerome Emery	Gary Redfern & Paul Moon	Nigel Weldon & Gabriella Kalmer
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
1st March 2026	John & Ann Ward		

ASSISTED DYING BILL: Scrutiny of the Assisted Dying bill in the Lords has been thorough and given the number of amendments proposed demonstrates that the bill in its current form is simply not fit for purpose. However, the Assisted suicide pressure group, *Dignity in Dying*, along with other campaigners, are now lobbying MPs to try to use what is known as the Parliament Acts to bypass the House of Lords, their careful consideration and proposed amendments, and force the assisted suicide Bill into law in the next Parliamentary session. This is unprecedented and utterly inappropriate. It's vital that it is clear to MPs that their constituents do not support this profoundly inappropriate attempt to force assisted suicide into law. Your MP needs to hear your views on this issue.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION – Visit the Right to Life Website, link below

<https://righttolife.org.uk/ascommons2026>

Take some time to read about what is happening in your name. Enter your postcode to use the Right to Life Easy Action tool to write to your MP and ask them to oppose attempts to force the assisted suicide Bill into law by using the Parliament Acts to bypass the House of Lords.

SAFEGUARDING ISSUE: It has been brought to my attention that at some Masses, children occasionally go out to use the toilet unaccompanied. Could you please ensure that you go out to the toilet with your child at all times. Kind regards Denise.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's 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>