

# Ss Mary and Modwen's Catholic Church, Burton

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This Parish is served by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans)

## Parish Clergy

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## First Sunday of Lent

### 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023

*Week 1 of Lent: Mass & Readings: Sunday – Year A. Weekdays – Lent. Psalter Week 1*

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Saturday after Ash</i> <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>Mass 9:00am</b> <b>Mass 11:00am</b> <b>Mass 6:00pm</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Kath &amp; Ken Woodyet RIP</i> <i>Paul Lodge</i>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>Kathleen Woodyet RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>Private intention</i>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <i>Feast of St David, Bishop,</i> <i>Patron of Wales</i>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed</b> <b>Sacrament 10:00am</b> <b>Mass 11:00am</b>	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>Feast of St Chad, Bishop</i>	<b>Mass 9:15am - St Modwen's</b> <b>Catholic Primary School</b> <b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>School Community</i> <i>Healing for May Kindlon</i>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b> <b>Stations of the Cross 6:30pm</b> <b>Mass 7:00pm</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>Mass 9:00am</b> <b>Mass 11:00am</b> <b>Mass 6:00pm</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Donor's Intention</i> <i>Deceased members of</i> <i>Noronha Family</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, Justina Okoye, Dolly Rothwell, Justin Oguora, Emily Woodward, John Woodward, Shaji Augusthy, Margaret Hudson, Gordon Adams.

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** 370

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**

Offertory Collection for last Sunday: £539.01

**BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:**

Development Fund running total: -£13,487.55

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £99.05

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Pro Life:** £135.14

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

Next Sunday Special Collection: **Cathedral Maintenance**

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CENACLE GROUP:** Our Cenacle Prayer group takes place every Wednesday at 7:00pm. Thank you to all participants and those intending to participate in the future. Parishioners are encouraged to join our Blessed Mother's Army. Those wishing to enrol still have the opportunity to do so. It is a privilege to be invited by our Blessed Mother to be part of her 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.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE:** We seek to recruit a Parish Safeguarding Representative. The function is to ensure the parish and local community are aware of the importance of protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults, and what is involved in promoting good practice, which includes basic concepts of appropriate and inappropriate conduct. Please, see Fr Stan or Fr Arthur if you would like to volunteer for this role.

**ST MOD'S TIDDLERS:** Sessions run on Fridays from 10:00am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall during school term time. There is an assortment of toys on offer, crafts, messy play, mark making, stories and songs. Tea/coffee & biscuit for adults and a healthy snack for children but also a moment of prayer in church. A Parent/Guardian MUST be with their children at this group.

**WARM PLACE:** We would want to provide a warm place in the Church Hall for elderly people to come together for tea and coffee and to socialise with others once a week. on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 12.00noon. There is no response yet. We are still hoping to get some response.

**MASS OFFERING:** Envelopes for Mass Offerings are available at the back of Church. Please take one and use for regular Mass offering. Include the donation for the Mass in the envelope and return to the Parish Office.

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

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

**GIFTAID:** If you are a UK taxpayer, please sign up to "Gift Aid" your offering/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.

**CHANGE OF GIFT AID ENVELOPE NUMBERS:** Due to many people signing up for standing order Gift Aid giving and some ceasing to use the Gift Aid envelopes, there is a gap in the Gift Aid numbers. Therefore, from the next tax year, beginning 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023, there will be a re-allocation of new Gift Aid envelope numbers to all the current Gift Aid envelope users. Please keep an eye for your new envelope numbers.

Also, if you currently use envelopes for offertory, building and development fund, and special collections but want to change to a standing order, please speak to Sr Bridget. It is easy and simple.

**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 started on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November in the parish centre. For First Holy Communion: 9:30am to 10:30am; Confirmation: 11:00am - 12:00noon.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY – FOR PARISHES:** We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome towards those most in need.

**SVP APPRECIATION:** On behalf of the SS Mary and Modwen Conference of the SVP, I would like to thank parishioners for their donation and support.

**200 CLUB:** The subscriptions for 2023 are now due: £12 for each number for the year (£1 per number per month). Please place your money securely in a sealed envelope marked for **the attention of Margaret**, and marked with your number if possible, and post/hand in at the presbytery. The January & February draws will take place once the subscriptions are in. THANK YOU to the parishioners who have already done this. 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. - Margaret

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 14<sup>th</sup> TO 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023:** The Pilgrimage in September this year will be led by Bishop Ralph as the Spiritual guide. If you wish to travel with the group, please contact Evangeline Lane on **07841 751179** for more information and history of Medjugorje, meet Evangeline Lane for a handout on Medjugorje.

**Testimony from a Medugorje pilgrim** - It can be said that being on pilgrimage in Medjugorje is like "having a taste of Heaven". When our spiritual needs have been wonderfully met, then our physical needs will naturally decrease, and they become less and less important. While we are in Medjugorje, our hearts will experience extraordinary peace and happiness.

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM:** Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday, 13 May. Those who would want to go should please put their names down on the list at the back of Church.

<b>Next Sunday's Rota – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b>			
	<b>9:00am Mass</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Graham Marshment	Rosemary Scott	Paul Bowen
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Kath Atkinson	Carol Kersey	John Mitcheson
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Mary Fermor	Rosemary & Cecelia	John & Cathy Mitcheson
<b>Stewards</b>	Mary Ann Imhoagene	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	John Mitcheson
<b>Church Cleaning – Week Commencing</b>			
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Rosemary, Cecelia & Paul		

**HOME VISITATION:** Fr Stan and Fr Arthur would like to visit the home of all parishioners beginning from the first week of March 2023. It would be great if parishioners could indicate interest. Please feel free to contact the parish office to arrange a date for your home visitation.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Volunteers are needed to help run children's liturgy for the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sundays. If you would want to help, please speak to Fr Stan or Fr Arthur. God bless.

**RITE OF ELECTION:** Rite of Election for Catechumens and Candidates for the Sacraments will be at St Chad's Cathedral this Sunday, 26 February at 3:00pm.

**THANK YOU:** On behalf of our Trustees, Staff, Volunteers and residents at Burton upon Trent & District YMCA, I would like to say a huge thank you for your generous donations to help support our food bank. Your donations come at a time when even more people in our local community are experiencing financial hardship. The demand for our food bank service is the highest it has ever been in the 22-year history of providing this service. We are seeing many new people accessing this for the first time and it is a lifeline for everyone in need. Up to the end of December we issued 3101 emergency food parcels. Each parcel contains 28 items, which equates to 86,828 items of food. It has been very challenging to meet this demand and your donations are extremely valuable to us. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity and for helping your community, particularly at such a difficult time for many.  
Yours sincerely, Julia Davies-Ratcliffe Food Bank Coordinator

**HOLY YEAR 2025:** Preparations have already begun in Rome for the Holy Year. The Theme is **Pilgrims of Hope** inviting us to reflect more deeply on Christian hope. This theme anticipates the 2000th anniversary of Christ's Death and Resurrection which we expect to be celebrated in 2033 as a Holy Year of Redemption. The Holy Father will soon be announcing two years of preparation for the Holy Year 2025. The first year will be focussed on the four constitutions of the Second Vatican council. The second year will focus on prayer. More details when available.