

# 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 Year B (Year of Prayer)

### 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Saturday after Ash</i> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>Norman Briffa Intentions</i>
	<b>Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury</b>	<i>Mark Hallam God's Healing</i>
<b>Sunday 18<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>Owen Grant RIP</i> <i>Helen Nelson &amp; Bet</i> <i>Conway RIP</i>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>Adoration of the Blessed</b> <b>Sacrament 10:00am</b> <b>Mass 11:00am</b>	<i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>Feast of the Chair of</i> <i>St Peter, Apostle</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>Sheila McArdle RIP</i>
<b>Friday 23<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>Patricia Leahy RIP</i> <i>John McCaul RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury</b>	<i>Kath &amp; Ralph Stuart RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 25<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>Anne Conlisk RIP</i> <i>Deceased members of</i> <i>Timon family</i> <i>James Moloney 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, Mark Hallam.

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** For last Sunday 523

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** For last Sunday: £671.98

**BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:**

Development Fund running total: -£5,489.06

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £108

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Pro Life:** £79.63

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

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.** 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.

**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 not attending St. Modwen's Catholic School will resume on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024. First Holy Communion: 9:30am to 10:30am; Confirmation: 11:00am to 12:00noon, in the Parish Centre.

**OUR PARISH IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY:** Dear Parishioners, I would like to express my sincere thank you to all those parishioners who have, in these difficult times, generously increased their contributions or given special one-off donations to support the running of our parish. Whilst our financial situation is not yet sustainable, we have made significant progress towards balancing our accounts. Again, thank you for your ongoing support. May God bless you.

**YEAR OF PRAYER, 3 DECEMBER 2023 – 24 DECEMBER 2024:** In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. It began on the First Sunday of Advent 2023 with a particular focus on the **Our Father**, this is a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

**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.

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

**HOME VISITATION:** Fr Stan and Fr Matthew are available for 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**200 CLUB WINNERS 2023 & 2024 SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Winners, cheques will be posted out to you very soon.

<b>Winners 2023</b>	<b>1st – Prize (£50)</b>	<b>2nd – Prize (£20)</b>	<b>3rd – Prize (£10)</b>
<b>Aug</b>	92 – Mr M Simpkins	41 – Miss M Moody	164 – Miss M Barker
<b>Sept</b>	29 – Mrs M Jennings	130 – Mr J Kolad	40 – Mrs J Yeomans
<b>Oct</b>	97 – Mrs R Millward	62 – Mrs R Scott	100 – Mrs M Jennings
<b>Nov</b>	97 – Mrs R Millward	67 – Mr J Laming	65 – Mrs C Pickering
<b>Dec</b>	37 – Mr W Moloney	46 – Mrs S Seaborn	128 – Mrs M O'Donnell

The subscriptions for 2024 will be collected in February. I will be in the Parish Hall after each Mass – Sundays to be advised. 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

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY – For the terminally ill:** We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**WELCOME TO FR MATTHEW ADEJOH, CSSp:** We extend a very warm welcome to Fr. Matthew Adejoh, CSSp, who has been appointed to our parish, as assistant priest. He replaces Fr Arthur Matip, CSSp, who has now moved to Manchester.

<b>Next Sunday's Rota – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>			
	<b>9:00am Mass</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Gerry Gough	Pat Molloy	Paul Bowen
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Gerry Gough	Pat Molloy	Angelina Dyche
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Mary Bird & Colette Kirkland	Rosemary Scott & Cecelia Denham	Jomy John & children
<b>Stewards</b>	Philip Baxter	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	?????
<b>Church Cleaning – Week Commencing</b>			
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Patricia, Christine		

**RCIA:** Adults who wish to be received into the Catholic Church should please register now with the priest for Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults.

**RITE OF ELECTION:** The Rite of Election will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm**, the First Sunday of the 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.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** The annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage runs from **Monday 27 May to Saturday 1 June** under the leadership of His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David Evans. Booking is now open for this year's Pilgrimage. Please see the diocesan website for more information [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024:** Please see the parish website <http://www.maryandmodwen.org.uk> for the text of the Pope's Lenten message. Copies are also available at the back of the Church.

**LIFE CHARITY:** It is time to "Celebrate" as this is our 10th Year of running this Project. We thank you for your ongoing generosity and support allowing us to make donations, so we can help new mothers and babies locally. "Baby Welcome Packs" consist of newborn size clothes, babygrows, vests, cardigans, socks, bibs, hats, blankets, nappies and baby toiletries. There are various places in town where there are collection boxes for collections. In 2023 we gave 36 Packs to 22 Clients. Over the past 10 years we have donated 468 packs. On average this is 47 packs to 21 mothers and babies a year. We also work closely with Derby "Life" shop where additional practical support can be given. We also collect any donations for the Derby shop (anything except furniture, pillows, quilts and car seats). If you would like anything collected, please call 07732 483530. If you would like more information about Life Charity, please call the number above or visit <https://www.lifecharity.org.uk> the charity website. With thanks for your continued support. Anne Ward