

Ss Mary and Modwen's Catholic Church, Burton

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

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Parish office open for enquires between 9:00am and 3:00pm – Monday to Thursday

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B (Year of Prayer) 7th/8th September 2024

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time: Mass & Readings: Year B. Weekdays – Ordinary Time Year II, Wk 23. Hours: Psalter Week 3

Saturday 7th <i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Brian Baldock RIP</i> <i>Dorogo Ida RIP</i>
Sunday 8th <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Jack Casserly RIP</i> <i>Joe Moriarty RIP</i>
Monday 9th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>K.J. Matthew RIP</i>
Tuesday 10th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Helena Markey RIP</i>
Wednesday 11th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am Reception of Body into Church 6:00pm	<i>Gonsalo Dias RIP</i> <i>Eileen Davis RIP</i>
Thursday 12th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:30am Requiem Mass 11:00am	<i>John Emerie Okoye</i> <i>Eileen Davis RIP</i>
Friday 13th <i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 14th <i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Annamma Ezharath RIP</i> <i>William Egan RIP</i>
Sunday 15th <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Jim Bradley</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Bridget Neil</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, Chris Morris, Sadie Blackford, Martin Routledge, Marilyn Gough, Dolly Rothwell, Justin Oguora, Emily Woodward, John Woodward, Shaji Augusthy, Margaret Hudson, Brian Hallam, Cathal Cushnahan, Nigel Weeldon, Ada Bagworth, Nigel Fermor, Clifford Mulcahy, Agnes (Nancy) Fitzgerald.

MASS ATTENDANCE: For last Sunday 424

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Last Sunday: £705.83

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £98.62

This Sunday Second Collection: **Catholic Education Service**

Next Sunday Second Collection: **Catholic Evangelisation**

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: A massive thank you to all parishioners for their generous donations of soup and beans. Thanks to your kindness we currently have supplies of everything but are low on VEGETABLE SOUP. Any donations can be placed in the labelled box at the back of church. We are welcoming approximately 20 people through our doors each week. Thank you and God bless. Elaine and the team.

YEAR OF PRAYER, 3rd DECEMBER 2023 – 24th 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. Resources are available on the home page of the parish website.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER – For the cry of the earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING: We are appealing for more volunteers for the cleaning of the Church. Currently, there are **only two groups** cleaning the entire Church, and more hands are needed. The more the merrier! God bless!

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 SUBSCRIPTIONS:

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. Please place your money securely in a sealed envelope and marked with your name & number (if possible) and post/hand in at the Presbytery. THANK YOU – Margaret

CELEBRATING EDUCATION SUNDAY 2024: Today 8th September 2024 is Education Sunday. It falls just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. This year's theme for Education Sunday is drawn from its Gospel reading of Mark 7:31-37: *He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

11:00AM SUNDAY MASS CHOIR: Have you considered joining the choir at the 11:00am Sunday Mass? If you would like to sing with the choir, please come along. There are no long and difficult rehearsals involved. Just a brief practice in the Parish Hall before 11:00am Mass on Sunday.

PIETY SHOP: We need volunteers who will help to open the piety shop after Masses on Sundays to attend to those who would need to buy items from there. If you would like to volunteer please see any of the priests and indicate which of the Masses you usually attend and would want to help. God bless.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM - SENIOR SURVEYOR:

The Archdiocese is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and experienced RICS Chartered General Practice Surveyor to join its Property Team. The key role of the Property Team is to provide advice and guidance for management of parish property, the school estate as well as manage all property held centrally by the Archdiocese. Application deadline: **Wednesday 18th September.**

WRISTWATCH FOUND: Last Sunday a wristwatch was found in the small carpark at the front of the Parish Centre. If the watch was yours please contact the Parish office and provide a description of the watch.

Next Sunday's Rota – 15th September 2024			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Abel Tharappel	Rosemary Scott	Patricia Baka
Eucharistic Minister	Gerry Gough	Rosemary Scott	Bill Moloney
Tea & Coffee	Teresa McCallum & Mary Fermor	Patricia Carver & Christine Hardly	Jomy John & children
Stewards	Joseph Chacko	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	Gabriella Kalmer
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
15th September	Patricia, Christine		

ADOREMUS IN MY PARISH: The Catholic Church in England and Wales - bishops, priests and people from all dioceses - will gather at St Mary's College, Oscott, on **Saturday 14th September** for a day to renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist. St Mary's College, Oscott, was the venue for the first Eucharistic Procession since the Reformation. In 2024, we hold our National Eucharistic Congress in this holy place. It will be an opportunity for us to pray and walk in procession once more as we show our devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our shared witness will lead the Church in her preparations for the *Jubilee Year* that we will celebrate globally in 2025. Unlike Adoremus in Liverpool in 2018, this is not a public event, although each diocese is expected to send pilgrims. The fact that there are limited, invitation-only places for Adoremus at Oscott doesn't mean that Catholics throughout England and Wales are excluded – far from it. On **Saturday 14th September immediately after the 9:30am Mass**, we will have a period of Exposition to unite us in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the *Jubilee Year* with renewed and deepened devotion.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES - *God walks with His people: Message of Pope Francis.* "God walks with His people", is the title chosen by Pope Francis for his [Message for the upcoming World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) (WDMR), which will be celebrated on Sunday, 29th September, 2024. In this message, the Holy Father reminds us that **all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth**, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven. Migrants are a contemporary icon of this people on a journey, of the Church on a journey, and at the same time, it is in them and in all our vulnerable brothers and sisters that we can encounter the Lord who walks with us.

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>