

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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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

23rd/24th September 2023

Week 25 in Ordinary Time: Mass & Readings: Year A. Weekdays – Ordinary Time Year I, Week 25. Psalter Week 1

Saturday 23rd <i>Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Tony Abernathy Intentions</i> <i>Rose Burns RIP</i>
Sunday 24th <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Shirley Hollett Intentions</i> <i>Bowen Family Intentions</i>
Monday 25th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Rose Babester Intentions</i>
Tuesday 26th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:30am Funeral Service 12:30pm	<i>Elizabeth Brown</i> <i>Maureen Mary Woodbine RIP</i>
Wednesday 27th <i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Margaret Bevan RIP</i>
Thursday 28th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:15am - St Modwen's Catholic Primary School Mass 11:00am	<i>School Community</i> <i>Cyril Hardy RIP</i>
Friday 29th <i>Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>St Mod's Tiddlers, Parents, and Guardians God's Protection</i>
Saturday 30th <i>Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Deacon Jim Baxter RIP</i> <i>D. O'Connor for Health</i>
Sunday 1st October <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Mary Kate & Patrick Byrne</i> <i>Shirley & Des Bowen 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.

MASS ATTENDANCE: 358

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Offertory Collection for last Sunday: £597.97

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£8,779.76

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £94.40

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Catholic Evangelisation:** £81.60

This Sunday Second Collection: **Fr Hudson's Society**

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CENACLE GROUP: Our Cenacle Prayer group takes place **every Tuesday 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.

ST MOD'S TIDDLERS: Sessions on Friday, from 10:00am to 11.30am in the Parish centre during school term time only. There will be 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.

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.

ST MODWEN'S NURSERY: Currently has a limited number of 15 and 30 hour places. Please call St Modwen's Catholic Primary School (01283 247560) to arrange a visit or visit the website for more information on how to apply www.st-modwens.staffs.sch.uk.

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.

HOME VISITATION: Fr Stan and Fr Arthur have started home visitation and would like to visit the home of all parishioners. It would be great if parishioners could indicate interest. Please 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>

PREPARATIONS FOR THE JUBILEE AND HOLY YEAR 2025: Pope Francis has pronounced 2025 as a Jubilee Year named **Pilgrims of Hope**. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through:

- Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.
- Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024.

To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>.

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 starts this 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.

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.

ASYLUM SEEKERS IN BURTON HOTELS: We appeal for donations to help support young men who are seeking asylum from war and are now living in and around Burton. They urgently need: Clothing, especially summer /winter attire and boxer shorts (sizes M and L); Notepads and pens for their studies; Old electronic devices like phones, laptops, and tablets; Bikes for mobility; Cricket balls, equipment, volleyballs, and nets for recreational activities. Moreover, they require volunteers to join the wonderful team organizing activities such as game nights, yoga, English conversation, cooking clubs, and sports. Your support and contributions will make a significant difference in their lives. For further information please contact Angelina Dyche 07989140095.

Next Sunday's Rota – 1st October 2023			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	MaryAnn Imhoagene	Rosemary Scott	Paul Bowen
Eucharistic Minister	Gerry Gough	Pat Molloy	Angelina Dyche
Tea & Coffee	Mary Bird & Colette Kirkland	Rosemary & Cecelia	Jomy John and children
Stewards	MaryAnn Imhoagene	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	?????
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
1st October	?????		

OUR PARISH IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY: Please remember, this is your Parish (Ss Mary & Modwen and St Christopher). You have inherited from the donations of previous generations of parishioners, beautiful churches in which to worship and celebrate the Mass, baptisms, weddings and funerals. You 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.

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.

DONATION: We will be happy to welcome more donations from parishioners and those who worship with us. Thank you and God bless.

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER – For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

ABSENCE/HOLIDAY: Sr Bridget is away on compassionate leave for her mother's funeral. After which she will take a holiday and return to work on 1 November.