

Ss Mary and Modwen's Catholic Church, Burton

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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)

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Second Sunday of Advent, Year B (Year of Prayer)

9th/10th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent: Mass & Readings: Sunday Year B. Weekdays – Advent, Week 2. Psalter Week 2

Saturday 9th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Michael Chukwudi RIP</i> <i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
Sunday 10th <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Tina Laws RIP</i>
Monday 11th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Patrick Molloy RIP</i> <i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
Tuesday 12th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
Wednesday 13th <i>Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</i>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
Thursday 14th <i>Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	Mass 9:15am - St Modwen's Catholic Primary School Mass 9:30am	<i>School Community</i> <i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i> <i>John Turver God's Healing</i>
Friday 15th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Deacon Henry RIP</i> <i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
Saturday 16th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i> <i>Phil & Lisa Holmes RIP</i>
Sunday 17th <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i> <i>John Moloney & Nora 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, Paul Hughes.

MASS ATTENDANCE: For last Sunday 329

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: For last Sunday: £582.74

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£6,797.37

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £228.22

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Church Flowers for Christmas**

This Sunday Second Collection: **The Poor Parishes of the Diocese**

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

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.

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

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 who do not currently attend St. Modwen's Catholic School have started on Saturday 25th November in the parish centre. For First Holy Communion: 9:30am to 10:30am; Confirmation: 11:00am - 12:00noon.

OUR PARISH IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY: Dear Parishioners, as we approach Christmas and the end of what has been a very challenging financial year, 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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER - For persons with disability:

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer incentive programmes which value their active participation.

HOME VISITATION: Fr Stan and Fr Arthur have started 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 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>

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.

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

The subscriptions for next year will be collected after Christmas, in early January and February. I will be in the Parish Rooms after each Mass – Sundays to be advised. Please do not send the monies in before the New Year. 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

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 begins this weekend on the First Sunday of 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.

11:00AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday will be the Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion candidates who attend catechism in the parish. Please, let us support them and pray for them.

Next Sunday's Rota – 17th December 2023			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Ann Giblin	Rosemary Scott	Patricia Baka
Eucharistic Minister	John Ward	Pat Molloy	Angelina Dyche
Tea & Coffee	Teresa McCallum & Mary Fermor	Joyce & Margaret	Paul and Diana Bowen
Stewards	Mary Ann Imhoagene	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	?????
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
17th December	Paul, Rosemary, Cecilia		

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2ND DECEMBER 2023: Thank you for all your kind donations and support for the Christmas Bazaar. 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.

APPRECIATION: Many thanks to Paul Moon for steering the Bazaar Planning Committee, and all who worked on the Bazaar Planning Committee for their hard work and for a job well done in organising our Parish Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Bazaar. God bless you.

GREENERY FOR CHRISTMAS CRIB: Would those who can please bring some greeneries to Church on Thursday or Friday this week for preparation of our Christmas Crib on Saturday. God bless.

FRIDAY VOICES - Sunday 17th December: **Friday Voices**, an award-winning local choir, will present the traditional service of **Nine Lessons and Carols** next Sunday 17 December at 7:30pm in St Mary and St Modwen's Catholic Church.

A beautiful selection of choral music for Advent and Christmas, interspersed with scripture readings for the season, will help us to prepare our hearts and minds at this busy time. No tickets required but there will be a retiring collection (suggested donation £5 per adult).

