

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 Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), Year B (Year of Prayer)

6th/7th April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter: Mass & Readings: Sunday Year B. Weekdays – Easter Week 2. Hours: Psalter Week 2

Saturday 6th <i>Easter Saturday, Solemnity</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Stella Rowley Intentions</i> <i>Roy Williams RIP</i>
Sunday 7th <i>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Anonymous Intentions</i> <i>Sean Callaghan RIP</i>
Monday 8th <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Holy souls</i>
Tuesday 9th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Michael Chukwudi RIP</i>
Wednesday 10th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Maria Goretti RIP</i>
Thursday 11th <i>Memorial of St Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</i>	Mass 9:15am - St Modwen's Catholic Primary School Mass 11:00am	<i>School Community</i> <i>Fr Stan Intentions</i>
Friday 12th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 13th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Deacon Jim Baxter RIP</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 14th <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Vazhakkala Ouseph RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Sean Callaghan 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 426

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: For last Sunday: £793.83

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£4,557.56

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £52.00

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

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

Good Friday Collection: **Holy Places in the Holy Land:** £483.40

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.

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.

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.

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.

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>

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: Subscriptions for 2024 are now due. Thank you to all who have already contacted me and paid. Please put any outstanding subscriptions in an envelope with your name and number (if known) marked for my attention and leave at the presbytery. There are still a few numbers left, if you would like to take on an additional number or join the 200 Club if you are not already a member. Margaret

MISSIO SPRING 2024 MAGAZINE AND RED BOX HOLDERS: 2024 Mission magazines are available to all at the back of Church. A small number of returned Red Boxes remain for 'picking up' at the back of Church. Returned Red Boxes all had a 'Thank You' note attached confirming the amount inside your box. The combined amount within the Red Boxes brought in by parishioners in late 2023 was **£630.48. A BIG THANK YOU** for your ongoing support for Missio through Red Box contributions. Similar thanks for donations from parishioners who instead have chosen to set up either a Red Box monthly direct debit or make a 'one-off' gift. Please look out for a further update in newsletters confirming the TOTAL amount, including direct debits and 'one-off' donations, raised by our Parish during 2023. This figure has yet to be finalised by Missio HQ. **Very Best Wishes.** - Paul Moon - Parish Missio Co-ordinator.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL – For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday, 11th May. Would those who want to go please put their names down on the list at the back of Church.

MAY ROSARY PROCESSION: There will be a Rosary procession around Burton Town Centre on Saturday, 18th May, after the 9:30am Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to participate.

Next Sunday's Rota – 14th April 2024			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Gerry Gough	Vasso Vydelingum	Jomy John
Eucharistic Minister	Jerome Emery	Rosemary Scott	Bill Moloney
Tea & Coffee	John & Anne Ward	Patricia Carver & Christine Hardly	Bill & Margaret Moloney
Stewards	Rosily George	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	?????
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
14th April	?????		

2024/2025 GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Thank you to all who signed up to Gift-aid your donations to the Parish. Your new envelopes, which will start on 6th April 2024 are ready for collection from the Parish Office. The envelopes will also be available for collection in the Parish Hall after the 9:00am, 11:00am and 6:00pm Masses on Sunday. Thank you for your generous support and kind donations to the Parish. If you are a UK Taxpayer and have not signed up to Gift-aid your donation to the parish, please do sign up. It does not cost you any extra money. God bless.

ASSISTED DYING/ASSISTED SUICIDE: Professor David Albert Jones, Director of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, summarises: It is disappointing that the Committee was not more critical of those from countries that have legalised assisted suicide and who claim to see no evil and hear no evil. There is ample evidence of adverse effects in these countries: people having their lives ended without consent; increases in unassisted suicide; people being refused assisted living but offered 'assisted dying'; people seeking death not because of physical suffering but because they feel a burden to others. However, I am glad that MPs have resisted the pressure to call for a change in the law. There are many problems in end-of-life care but legalising assisted suicide would not solve these problems and changing the law in this way would further endanger many vulnerable people. - A critical response to the recent House of Commons Select Committee Report on Assisted Suicide.

CHILDREN/YOUNG READERS: We would like to welcome children and young people to read at Mass. If you would like to, please put down your name on list at the back of Church. God bless you.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: To celebrate the big Feast of Corpus Christi, we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament around Burton Town Centre on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ on Sunday, 2 June 2024. The procession will start from the Church at 2:30pm and conclude with Benediction.

SPIRITAN RETREAT: Fr Stan will be away on retreat from 8 - 13 April 2024.

HAPPY EASTER: We wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter. May the risen Christ fill your hearts with joy! - Fr Stan and Fr Matthew.

**He is truly Risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**