

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

24th/25th February 2024

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

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| Saturday 24th <i>Lent Feria</i> | Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury | <i>Kath & Ralph Stuart RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| Sunday 25th <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> | Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm | <i>Anne Conlisk RIP</i> <i>Deceased members of</i> <i>Timon family</i> <i>James Moloney RIP</i> |
| Monday 26th <i>Lent Feria</i> | Mass 9:30am | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Tuesday 27th <i>Lent Feria</i> | Mass 9:30am | <i>Susan East RIP</i> |
| Wednesday 28th <i>Lent Feria</i> | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Thursday 29th <i>Lent Feria</i> | Mass 9:30am First Reconciliation Service 10:30am - St Modwen's Catholic Primary School | <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Friday 1st March <i>Feast of St David,</i> <i>Bishop, Patron of Wales</i> | Mass 9:30am Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7:00pm | <i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Saturday 2nd March <i>Feast of St Chad,</i> <i>Bishop</i> | Mass 9:30am First Reconciliation Service 10:00am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury | <i>Margaret Emery RIP</i> <i>Tom Reidy RIP</i> |
| Sunday 3rd March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> | Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm | <i>McArdle Family</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Peter McGeough 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, Betty McKinley.

MASS ATTENDANCE: For last Sunday 540

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: For last Sunday:£762.94

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£5,319.87

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £169.19

This Sunday Second Collection: **CAFOD Lent Fast**

Next Sunday Second Collection: **Cathedral Maintenance**

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 resumed on Saturday 24th 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 TIDLERS: 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 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: The subscriptions for 2024 are now due. I will be in the Parish Centre after each Mass on Sunday 3rd March to collect yours subs. Thank you to all who have already contacted me and paid. You can always put your subscriptions in an envelope with your name and number (if known) marked for my attention and leave at the presbytery. 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.

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

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.

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.

| Next Sunday's Rota – 3rd March 2024 | | | |
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| | 9:00am Mass | 11:00am Mass | 6:00pm Mass |
| Reader | MaryAnn Imhoagene | 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 | Joseph Chaka | Paul Moon & Gary Redfern | ????? |
| Church Cleaning – Week Commencing | | | |
| 3rd March | ????? | | |

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, baby grows, 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 07732483530. 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

CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS: Today is a Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments. In our parish we have Hollie Dingley and Elliot Gilchrist who are Catechumens preparing for Christian Initiation, and Elaine Janet Ingram who is a baptised candidate to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church. Please remember to pray for them.

PARISH CENTRE ROOF REPAIRS: Work to repair the Parish Centre roof will begin on 5th March 2024. As a result of the scaffolding, the number of car parking spaces will be significantly reduced for the duration of the work which we anticipate will be for two weeks. In addition, to provide site security the parish car parks will be locked over-night. Thank you for your understanding.

FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE: This week we will have First Reconciliation Services for those preparing for First Holy Communion, on Thursday at 10:30am St Modwen's Catholic Primary School and on Saturday at 10:00am in Church, for children not attending St. Modwen's Catholic Primary School.

LENTEN RECOLLECTION ON THE "OUR FATHER": We will have a Lenten recollection on the "Our Father" on Thursday 7 March 2024 at 7:00pm. It will be preached by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, C.S.Sp. He is a theologian and lecturer at St Mary's College, Oscott.