

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)

Parish Clergy

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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B (Year of Prayer)

2nd/3rd November 2024

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time: Mass & Readings: Year B. Weekdays – Ordinary Time Year II, Week 31. Hours: Psalter Week 3

Saturday 2nd <i>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 3rd <i>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Michael & Bridget O'Donnell RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Thanksgiving to God</i>
Monday 4th <i>Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>	Mass 9:30am Reception of Body into Church	<i>Joseph Francisco RIP</i> <i>Michael O'Mohoney RIP</i>
Tuesday 5th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:30am Funeral Service	<i>David Pugh God's Healing</i> <i>Michael O'Mohoney RIP</i>
Wednesday 6th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 7th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Jerina George RIP</i>
Friday 8th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 9th <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Peggy Hudson RIP</i>
Sunday 10th <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Deceased of Vettikka Family</i> <i>Joan Tritarelli RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</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, Brian Hallam, Cathal Cushnahan, Nigel Weeldon, Ada Bagworth, Nigel Fermor, Clifford Mulcahy, Agnes Fitzgerald.

MASS ATTENDANCE: For last Sunday 435

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Last Sunday: £737.26

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £161.10

This Sunday Second Collection: **The Johnson Association**

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.

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.

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.

200 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Winners 2024	1st – Prize	2nd – Prize	3rd – Prize
AUGUST	99 – Mrs C Kirkland	149 – Mrs M Morris	7 – Miss C Kersey
SEPTEMBER	34 – Mrs C Pickering	189 – Mr D Jennings	27 – Mr D Scattergood
OCTOBER	140 – Mrs P Dennis	25 – Mr J Emery	170 – Daisy Baxter

Your cheques will be posted out to you very soon. THANK YOU – Margaret

BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING: There will be a Bazaar Planning meeting this Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm in Church Hall. ALL ARE VERY WELCOME!

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION: Registration is now open for children who do not currently attend St. Modwen's Catholic School and would like to do their catechism in Church in preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion (children who will be 7 or over by May next year) and Confirmation (10 years and above). Parents or Guardians can download application forms from the parish website [Sacramental Preparation 2024 - Ss Mary and Modwen's](#) or collect their application forms from parish office during office open times (Monday to Thursday, 10:00am to 4:00pm). Meeting with parents and children is on Thursday 14th November at 6:30pm in Church, so registration needs to be completed by this date. Catechism classes start on Saturday 16th November in the parish centre, 9:30am to 10:30am (First Holy Communion); 11:00am to 12 noon (Confirmation). Please do not send the forms back electronically. Return the completed paper forms to the parish office.

rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Adults who wish to be received into the Catholic Church should please register now with the priests for the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. The catechism will begin soon.

TAKE ACTION: LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP: The Catholic Bishops' Conference has set up an e-campaign so people can easily send a (pre-written) letter to their local MPs regarding the Listed Places of Worship Grants Scheme (LPWGS), which is up for renewal in March 2025. If the scheme is not renewed, we will not be able to reclaim the VAT on works to listed church buildings, which will have a huge negative financial impact. We have very little time to mobilise this before the government announces the autumn budget, and so please share this information across the parish community. We need EVERYONE to send a letter in so that we raise the issue with MPs, and they in turn forward this to Lisa Nandy, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. The more submissions the better. Entering your details via the following website link, (<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/listed-places-of-worship-grant-scheme/>) takes **less than a minute**, and the website will generate a letter and send it to your MP on your behalf.

CALLING NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Training for a new intake of Altar Servers will be held on Saturday 9th November 2024 at 3.00pm in Church. Any young people (all ages are welcome!) wishing to take on the ministry of Altar Serving in the parish please attend for an induction and training. If you wish to know more please email Matthew at: mills.matthew530@gmail.com

BLESSING OF GRAVES: There will be Blessing of Graves at Stapenhill Cemetery this Sunday, 3rd November at 2:00pm.

Next Sunday's Rota – 10th November 2024			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Stephanie Cano Czczek	Vasso Vydelingum	Gabriella Kalmer
Eucharistic Minister	John Ward	Rosemary Scott	Angelina Dyche
Tea & Coffee	John & Anne Ward	Joyce & Margaret	Paul & Diana Bowen
Stewards	Rosily George	Gary Redfern & Paul Moon	Gabriella Kalmer
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
10th November	Rosemary, Cecilia & Paul		

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2024 - SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 12 NOON -

3:00PM: Please note this date in your diary. We encourage parishioners to participate actively in this main parish fundraising event. A list of the main draw prizes is at the back of Church. If you can donate a prize, please sign the list, then bring to the Parish Office clearly marked "Main Draw Prize". Prizes are to be brought in by Sunday 1st December 2024. Also, the Bazaar Committee, at this stage, is asking for Cuddly Toys, Jewels (including broken ones), Watches (working or broken), bottles for bottle tombola (at least 200 needed), cans, chocolates, sweets, Cosmetics and Toiletries (unopened), Books, CDs, DVDs, and Gifts that will be appropriate for all stalls. Thank you for your generosity. God bless.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Main draw tickets are available after all Masses this weekend. Please buy or take some to sell to your friends. First prize is £500 cheque. When you sell tickets please can you make sure that the name & telephone number (or address) have been written on each raffle ticket counterfoil. Thank you.

PIETY SHOP: Our Piety Shop opens after 9:00am Mass on Sundays. We are selling advent candles, Christmas cards and many other religious articles. We still need more volunteers to help after 11:00am and 6:00pm Masses on Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please see one of the priests. God bless.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: Unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. Attempts are being made in parliament to legalise assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying. This would undermine the sanctity and dignity of human life. **ACT NOW!** Use your smart phone camera to scan the QR code to visit the Right to Life UK website. There you will find an easy way to contact your MP and ask them to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. The CBCEW website has been updated with a raft of resources regarding the assisted suicide legislation.



Follow the link to the website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

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>