

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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Third Sunday of Advent, Year A 10th/11th December 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent: Mass & Readings: Sunday - Year A. Weekday – 3rd Week of Advent. Psalter Week 3

Saturday 10th <i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Holy Souls</i> <i>John Fogarty RIP</i>
Sunday 11th <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Ray Tipper</i> <i>Pat Molloy; Josephine McNern RIP (Anniv.)</i> <i>Monica Aceuedo RIP</i>
Monday 12th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Betty and Dominic Higgins RIP (Anniv.)</i>
Tuesday 13th <i>Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Special Intention</i>
Wednesday 14th <i>Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Special Intention; Josephine McNern RIP (Anniv.)</i>
Thursday 15th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:15am - St Modwen's Catholic Primary School Mass 9:30am	<i>School Community</i> <i>Deacon Henry RIP (Anniv.)</i>
Friday 16th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Gasgoyne Family</i>
Saturday 17th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Special Intention</i> <i>Rev & Mrs Adlington</i>
Sunday 18th <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Baldoch and O'Reilly Families RIP</i> <i>Ester Boyle</i> <i>Josefina & Guillermo Gonzalez RIP (Anniv.)</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, Kath Woodyet, Carolyn Edge, Richard Waldron, Andrew Poyser, Sue Rose, Eileen Davis, Chris Morris, Sadie Blackford, Martin Routledge, Doreen Swan, Marilyn Gough, Justina Okoye, Dolly Rothwell, Justin Oguora.

MASS ATTENDANCE: 364

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Offertory Collection for last Sunday: £632.50

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£15,057.45

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £59.19

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Poor Parish Fund:** £105.78

This Sunday Second Collection: **SVP Collection**

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: This week the Cenacle Prayer will take place on Thursday 15th December at the usual time.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: For all volunteers who wish to contact Eilis Field for DBS, her email address is: sg.stmary-mod.burton-on-trent@rcaob.org.uk

ST MOD'S TIDDLERS: Is open on Fridays from 10:00am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall, during term time only. There is 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.

WARM PLACE: We are providing a warm place in the Church Hall for elderly people to come together for tea and coffee and to socialise with others once a week. It is open on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 12.00noon in the Parish Hall. We are calling for volunteers to help facilitate this. Those who would like to volunteer should please see one of the priests.

MASS OFFERING: Envelopes for Mass Offerings are at the back of Church. Please take one and use for regular Mass offering. Include the donation for the Mass in the envelope and return to the Parish Office.

FOODBANK: We encourage parishioners to contribute food items for those struggling with the cost of food. Please bring the items to church.

ALTAR SERVERS PAST AND PRESENT: We have now reintroduced altar serving in the Parish. If you or your child wishes to resume or start serving on the altar, please contact Fr Arthur or Fr Stan after Mass or Matthew Mills. In addition, the parish is updating its record of Altar Servers in the Parish. We want to ensure our records capture all those who have undertaken the ministry of Altar Serving in the parish, both past and present. If you or your children have been an Altar server in the past, please contact Matthew Mills with any details you have of who was serving and when, including dates of enrolment to the Guild of St Stephen and when they finished. Matthew Mills can be contacted via e-mail: mills.matthew530@gmail.com

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 started on Saturday 19th November in the parish centre. For First Holy Communion: 9:30am to 10:30am; Confirmation: 11:00am - 12:00noon.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 3RD DECEMBER 2022: 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.

Kind regards, John Mitcheson

APPRECIATION: Many thanks to John Mitcheson and his team 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE: Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. See poster at the back of Church.

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS: It's that time of year again for boxes to be emptied and monies transferred to Missio HQ. Please pass your red box to the stewards as you arrive for any mass on Sundays Nov 20th, 27th or Dec 4th. Thank you for your ongoing support for Missio via your Red Box contributions. Similarly, thanks to those parishioners who during Covid decided not to continue with a Red Box at home, instead choosing either to set up a monthly donation direct to Missio or make a 'one-off' donation during the year. **Thank You All.** I'll confirm the total amount raised by our parish during 2022 in newsletters early in the New Year! Best wishes. - Paul Moon - Parish Missio Red Box Co-ordinator.

GIFT AID: If you are a UK taxpayer, please sign up to "Gift Aid" your offering/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.

Next Sunday's Rota – 18th December 2022			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Caren Pickering	Path Molloy	Jomy John
Eucharistic Minister	Jerome Emery	Rosemary Scott	Bill Moloney
Tea & Coffee	John Ward	Patricia Carver & Christine Hardly	Jomy John and children
Stewards	Joan Finney	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	John Mitcheson
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
18th December	John and Ann Ward and Christine Hardly		

CHRISTMAS DIARY:

Tuesday 20 December: **Penitential Service** - 7:00pm

Saturday 24 December: Tutbury Christmas Vigil: **Carol Service** - 5:00pm;
Mass - 5:30pm

Saturday 24 December: Christmas Vigil for Children: **Carol Service** - 5:30pm;
Mass - 6:00pm

Saturday 24 December: **Carol Service** - 11:30pm; followed by **Midnight Mass**

Sunday 25 December: **Masses** - 9:00am and 11:00am.

SYNOD 2023-2024: At his Angelus message on Sunday 16th October, the Holy Father spoke the following:

On 10 October last year, the first phase opened of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission". Since then, the first phase of the Synod is being carried out in the local Churches through listening and discernment. The fruits of the synodal process underway are many, but so that they might come to full maturity, it is necessary not to be in a rush. Therefore, in order to have a more relaxed period of discernment, I have established that this Synodal Assembly will take place in two sessions. The first from 4th to 29th October 2023, and the second in October of 2024. I trust that this decision will promote the understanding of synodality as a constitutive dimension of the Church and help everyone to live it as the journey of brothers and sisters who proclaim the joy of the Gospel.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER - For volunteer not-for-profit organisations: We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

200 CLUB: The winners for **November** 2022 are:

1st (£50) – No: 1, A Swinson, 2nd (£20) – No: 232, R Seaborn,

3rd (£10) – No: 6, B Kinsella

The winners for **December** 2022 are:

1st (£50) – No: 97 – Mrs R Millward, 2nd (£20) – No: 81 – C Adkin,

3rd (£10) – No: 142 – P Dennis

Your cheques will be posted out to you very soon. Subscriptions for 2023 are due in January. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and it will be advised how these will be collected. Thank you to all who have continued to keep the '200 Club' going. – Margaret