

# 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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## Third Sunday of Advent, Year B (Year of Prayer) 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

*Third Sunday of Advent: Mass & Readings: Sunday Year B. Weekdays – Advent, from 17-24 December. Psalter Week 3*

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury</b>	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i> <i>Phil &amp; Lisa Holmes RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>Mass 9:00am</b> <b>Mass 11:00am</b> <b>Mass 6:00pm</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i> <i>John Moloney &amp; Nora</i> <i>Moloney RIP</i>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b> <b>Penitential Service - 7:00pm</b>	<i>Thomas Ramsay RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	<b>Adoration of the Blessed</b> <b>Sacrament 10:00am</b> <b>Mass 11:00am</b>	<i>Deceased of O'Reilly and</i> <i>Baldock Families</i> <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>Bryan Naughton RIP</i>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>Brian Baldock</i>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>Advent Feria</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury</b>	<i>George &amp; Nora Fenton RIP</i> <i>D. O'Connor RIP</i>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Fourth Sunday of</i> <i>Advent</i>	<b>Mass 9:00am</b> <b>Mass 11:00am</b> <b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b> <b>5:00pm - Tutbury</b> <b>Christmas Vigil Mass for</b> <b>Children 5:30pm</b> <b>Midnight Mass 11:30pm</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Harry &amp; Thelma Barker RIP</i>  <i>Bridgette &amp; Brian Hallam</i> <i>Ray Winchester and Agnes</i> <i>O'Hara RIP</i> <i>Expectant Mothers</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.

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** For last Sunday 373

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** For last Sunday: £608.16

**BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:**

Development Fund running total: -£6,710.51

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £86.86

Last Sunday Second Collection: **The Poor Parishes of the Diocese:** £138.71

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

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 started on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. First Holy Communion: 9:30am to 10:30am; Confirmation: 11:00am - 12:00noon, in the Parish Centre.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

<b>Winners 2023</b>	<b>1st – Prize (£50)</b>	<b>2nd – Prize (£20)</b>	<b>3rd – Prize (£10)</b>
<b>Aug</b>	92 – Mr M Simpkins	41 – Miss M Moody	164 – Miss M Barker
<b>Sept</b>	29 – Mrs M Jennings	130 – Mr J Kolad	40 – Mrs J Yeomans
<b>Oct</b>	97 – Mrs R Millward	62 – Mrs R Scott	100 – Mrs M Jennings
<b>Nov</b>	97 – Mrs R Millward	67 – Mr J Laming	65 – Mrs C Pickering
<b>Dec</b>	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

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP - YEAR 3 upwards:** Join us for our next meeting of faith and fun: Friday 22nd December 7-9pm in the parish rooms - £1 entry - tuck shop available - consent form required if this is your first one (copies are available from the parish office) - hope to see you there. - Angela & Sarah.

**11:00AM MASS THIS SUNDAY:** This 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.

<b>Next Sunday's Rota – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>			
	<b>9:00am Mass</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Mary Ann Imhoagene	Pat Molloy	Paul Bowen
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Gerry Gough	Rosemary Scott	Bill Moloney
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Mary Bird & Colette Kirkland	Rosemary Scott & Cecelia Denham	Jomy John & children
<b>Stewards</b>	Joan Finney	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	?????
<b>Church Cleaning – Week Commencing</b>			
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	?????		

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** 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 the Bazaar Committee for their hard work and for a job well done in organising our Parish Christmas Bazaar. **We raised £4,205.48.** Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Bazaar. God bless you.

**CHRISTMAS DIARY:**

Tuesday 19 December: **Penitential Service** - 7:00pm

Sunday 24 December: Christmas Vigil, Tutbury: **Carol Service** - 5:00pm  
**Mass** - 5:30pm

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

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

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

**NB:** There is no 6:00pm Mass for Sunday 24.12.23 and no 6:00pm Mass on 25.12.23.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING:** Envelopes for Christmas Offering for priests in the parish are at the back of Church for your collection and use.

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

**FRIDAY VOICES - This Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** **Friday Voices**, an award-winning local choir, will present the traditional service of **Nine Lessons and** Carols this 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).

**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 began 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.