

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)

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Third Sunday of Advent, Year C (Year of Prayer)

14th/15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent: Mass & Readings: Year C. Weekdays – Advent, Week 3. Hours: Psalter Week 3

Saturday 14th <i>Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>P.K. Jose RIP</i> <i>Bridie Clarke</i> <i>Jose Chacko RIP</i>
Sunday 15th <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Deacon Henry RIP</i> <i>John and Nora Moloney RIP</i>
Monday 16th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>P.K. Jose RIP</i>
Tuesday 17th <i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Sapientia</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Laura Caballero PorteRo RIP</i>
Wednesday 18th <i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Adonai</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>B.M.C. Egbuziem RIP</i>
Thursday 19th <i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Radix Iesse</i>	Mass 9:15am - St Modwen's Catholic Primary School Mass 9:30am	<i>School Community</i> <i>Sarama Philipose RIP</i>
Friday 20th <i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Clavis David</i>	Mass 9:30am Penitential Service - 7:00pm	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 21st <i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Oriens</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>John Hayward RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 22nd <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <i>O Rex Gentium</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Audrey Gough RIP</i> <i>Salvador Dsouza RIP</i> <i>Massimo Banto God's Healing</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, Chris Adkin.

MASS ATTENDANCE: For last Sunday 559

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Last Sunday: £696.36

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Poor Parishes:** £108.63

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.** All are invited and welcome to attend. Bring your petitions to Our Blessed Mother Mary. 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
NOVEMBER	104 – Ms D Rice	66 – Mrs C Hadley	230 – Mrs M Jennings
DECEMBER	158 – Mrs P Timon	130 – Mr J Kolad	79 – Mr D Jennings

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER - For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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: Catechism classes in preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation have started on Saturday 16th November in the parish centre. For First Holy Communion: 9:30am to 10:30am; Confirmation: 11:00am - 12:00noon.

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.

PIETY SHOP: Our Piety Shop, located in the Parish Centre, opens after 9:00am Mass on Sundays. Please come and have a look, 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.

WORD ON FIRE: THE BIBLE. EVANGELISATION AND CULTURE CONFERENCE, LONDON - Friday 21 - Saturday 22 February 2025 ExCel London: Join Bishop Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland, Dr Holly Ordway and more in February 2025 at Word on Fire's Evangelisation & Culture Conference in London. The Bible is the heart of evangelisation. As St Jerome observed long ago, "*Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.*" At this conference, we will uncover the spiritual and theological meaning of the Bible from a genuinely Catholic approach, reading it within the context of the great and beautiful chorus of voices from across the centuries of the Church's tradition.

THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025: Is fast approaching and you are invited to participate. Access resources for your parish and school communities on our website as we prepare for the Holy Year. With FAQs, a list of Jubilee Churches in the Archdiocese, a leaflet guide to the Jubilee and much more. Let us journey together as *Pilgrims of Hope*. The Jubilee Year will run from the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, on **Tuesday 24 December 2024** to the **Feast of Epiphany 2026**. Archbishop Bernard is set to celebrate Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Year at St Chad's Cathedral on **Sunday 29 December 2024**.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, SATURDAY 24th - FRIDAY 30th MAY 2025 BOOKING NOW OPEN: We are delighted to announce that booking is now OPEN for the Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Archdiocese of Birmingham. You can find information on booking by coach or by air with the Archdiocese, or you can join us as an affiliate pilgrim if you prefer. Find all the details on our booking page .

Next Sunday's Rota – 22nd December 2024			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Annmiya Tharappel	Vasso Vydelingum	Jovita Jimmy & Alphonsa Matthew
Eucharistic Minister	John Ward	Pat Molloy	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			
22nd December	Elizabeth & Salama		

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 7th DECEMBER 2024: 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 Planning Committee 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. The amount raised will be published in next weekend's newsletter. God bless you.

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 for preparation of our Christmas Crib. Our Crib is being put up on Tuesday 17th Dec so the the greenery needs to be delivered to church by 10:00am on Wednesday 18th. Thank you in anticipation. God bless.

CHRISTMAS DIARY:

Friday 20 December:	Penitential Service -	7:00pm
Tuesday 24 December: Christmas Vigil, Tutbury:	Carol Service -	5:00pm
	Mass -	5:30pm
Tuesday 24 December: Christmas Vigil for Children:	Carol Service-	5:30pm
	Mass -	6:00pm
Tuesday 24 December:	Carol Service -	11:30pm
	Midnight Mass-	12:00
Wednesday 25 December: Christmas Day	Mass -	9:00am
	Mass-	11:00am

NB: There is **No 6:00pm Mass on Christmas Day 25.12.24.**

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>