

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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th January 2023

Week 4 in Ordinary Time: Mass & Readings: Sunday – Yr A. Weekdays – Ordinary Time Yr 1. Psalter Week 4

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| Saturday 28th <i>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor</i> | Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury | <i>Michael Chukwudi (RIP)</i> <i>Vincent McLaughlin (RIP)</i> |
| Sunday 29th <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm | <i>Eileen Cromwell (RIP)</i> <i>Kersey family (RIP)</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| Monday 30th <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | Mass 9:30am | <i>Merina & family</i> |
| Tuesday 31st <i>Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest</i> | Mass 9:30am | <i>George & family</i> |
| Wednesday 1st February <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am | <i>George Tholath healing</i> |
| Thursday 2nd <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i> | Mass 9:15am - School Mass 7:00pm - Parish | <i>George Thothunga (RIP)</i> |
| Friday 3rd <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i> | Mass 9:30am | <i>Ester Boyle (RIP anniv.)</i> |
| Saturday 4th <i>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | NO MASS Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury | <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Sunday 5th <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm | <i>Doreen Swann (RIP)</i> <i>Marie Stanley-Dytch</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, Kath Woodyet, Carolyn Edge, Richard Waldron, Andrew Poyser, Sue Rose, Eileen Davis, Chris Morris, Sadie Blackford, Martin Routledge, Marilyn Gough, Justina Okoye, Dolly Rothwell, Justin Oguora, Emily Woodward, Magaret Hudson.

MASS ATTENDANCE: 360

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Offertory Collection for last Sunday: £479.44

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£14,051.81

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £126.22

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

HOLIDAY: Fr Stan will be away on holiday from 10 January to 9 February 2023.

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.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: We seek to recruit a Parish Safeguarding Representative. The function is to ensure the parish and local community are aware of the importance of protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults, and what is involved in promoting good practice, which includes basic concepts of appropriate and inappropriate conduct. Please, see Fr Stan or Fr Arthur if you would like to volunteer for this role.

ST MOD'S TIDDLERS: Sessions run on Friday, 20th Jan 2023 from 10:00am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall during term time. 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.

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.

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

WARM PLACE: We would want to provide 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. on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 12.00noon. There is no response yet. We are still hoping to get some response.

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.

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.

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS & MISSIO 2023 CALENDARS: Your returned Red Box is ready to collect from the back of church. With it you will find a Missio 2023 calendar and 'Thank You' note confirming the amount inside your box. The combined amount within the 24 Red Boxes brought in by parishioners was **£549.99. A BIG THANK YOU** for your ongoing support for Missio through Red Box contributions. Similar thanks too, for donations from parishioners who have instead chosen to set up either a monthly Direct Debit or make a 'One-Off' gift during the year. Please look out for an update in Spring newsletters confirming the **TOTAL** amount raised by our Parish during 2022 when finalised by Missio HQ. Missio 2023 calendars are also available for parishioners at the back of Church if you want one. Should anyone be considering having a Mission Red Box at home, **thank you** for your interest. For more information I can be contacted on 07711645370 - **Very Best Wishes for 2023** - Paul Moon - Parish Missio Co-ordinator.

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 FEBRUARY – FOR PARISHES: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity, and welcome towards those most in need.

SVP APPRECIATION: On behalf of the SS Mary and Modwen conference of the SVP. I would like to thank the Parishioner's SS Mary and Modwen for their generous collection of £97.43. Yours in St Vincent, Bill Moloney (President).

200 CLUB: The subscriptions for 2023 are now due: £12 for each number for the year (£1 per number per month). Please place your money securely in a sealed envelope marked for **the attention of Margaret**, and marked with your number if possible, and post/hand in at the presbytery. The January & February draws will take place once the subscriptions are in. THANK YOU to the parishioners who have already done this. 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

| Next Sunday's Rota – 5th February 2023 | | | |
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| | 9:00am Mass | 11:00am Mass | 6:00pm Mass |
| Reader | Rosily George | Rosemary Scott | John Mitcheson |
| Eucharistic Minster | Kath Atkinson | Carol Kersey | Bill Moloney |
| Tea & Coffee | Mary Fermor | Joyce & Margaret | John & Cathy Mitcheson |
| Stewards | Joseph Chacko | Paul Moon & Gary Redfern | John Mitcheson |
| Church Cleaning – Week Commencing | | | |
| 5th February | John & Ann Ward and Christine Hardly | | |

STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP BERNARD LONGLEY ON THE EVENT OF POPE

BENEDICT'S DEATH: "I pray for the repose of the soul of His Holiness Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI as his long life of devoted service comes to a close. May he now enjoy forever the company of the saints and the reward of all the Lord's good and faithful servants.

"I recall with gratitude the warmth and impact of Pope Benedict's presence during his State Visit in 2010 and especially during his visit to Birmingham for the Beatification of Cardinal Newman. He showed us the love of the pastor's heart which had guided his ministry as priest, as bishop and as Supreme Pastor.

"I am grateful for the prayerful way that he supported his successor Pope Francis, continuing to promote the unity and mission of the Church.

"On behalf of the clergy, Religious and all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Birmingham I offer our condolences and pray that Emeritus Pope Benedict may rest in peace with his risen Lord."

This message along with obituaries and tributes from the Catholic Bishops' Conference can also be found on the Archdiocese website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pope-emeritus-benedict-xvi

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 14th TO 21st SEPTEMBER 2023: The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Ralph as the Spiritual guide. If you wish to travel with the group, please contact Evangeline Lane on **07841 751179** for more information.