

# Ss Mary and Modwen's Catholic Church, Burton

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This Parish is served by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans)

## Parish Clergy

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B (Year of Prayer)

### 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

*Fourth Sunday of Advent: Mass & Readings: Sunday Year B. Weekdays – Christmas Octave. Psalter Week 4*

<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 Advent</i>	<b>Mass 9:00am</b> <b>Mass 11:00am</b> <b>Christmas Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury</b> <b>Christmas Vigil Mass for 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 O'Hara RIP</i> <i>Expectant Mothers</i>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>Mass 9:00am</b> <b>Mass 11:00am</b>	<i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Mary Kate and Patrick Byrne</i>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr</i>	<b>Mass 10:00am</b> <b>Altar Servers Feast</b>	<i>John Patterson RIP</i>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am</b> <b>Mass 11:00am</b>	<i>Patrick and Patricia Molloy</i>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>Shelia Markey RIP</i>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b>	<i>John Mernagha RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas</i>	<b>Mass 9:30am</b> <b>Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury</b>	<i>Claramma Joseph RIP</i> <i>Mark Hallam God's Healing</i>
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	<b>Mass 9:00am</b> <b>Mass 11:00am</b>  <b>Mass 6:00pm</b>	<i>Willie Reddin RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Joseph Joseph RIP</i> <i>John Patterson RIP</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 472

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** For last Sunday: £672.75

**BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:**

Development Fund running total: -£6,514.94

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £195.57

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.

**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

**YEAR OF PRAYER, 3 DECEMBER 2023 – 24 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. 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.

**ARCHBISHOP BERNARD'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2023:** In his annual Christmas message 2023, the Archbishop Bernard Longley asks that: "We pray to the Prince of Peace especially at this time of year for the gift of peace in our own hearts, in our families, in our communities across the world. We ask the Prince of Peace to influence those who can bring peace." Follow the link: <https://youtu.be/XfzC56LIus>.

<b>Next Sunday's Rota – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>			
	<b>9:00am Mass</b>	<b>11:00am Mass</b>	<b>6:00pm Mass</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Graham Marshment	Vasso Vydelingum	Jomy John
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Jerome Emery	Pat Molloy	Angelina Dyche
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	John & Anne Ward	Patricia Carver & Christine Hardly	Bill & Margaret Moloney
<b>Stewards</b>	Phillip Baxter	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	?????
<b>Church Cleaning – Week Commencing</b>			
<b>31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	John & Anne Ward		

**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.

**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.

**PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS BREAK:** The parish office is now closed for Christmas break and will re-open on Tuesday 2 January 2024.