

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

21st/22nd December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Mass & Readings: Year C. Weekdays – Advent, Week 4. Hours: Psalter Week 4

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>
Monday 23rd <i>Advent Feria</i> <i>O Emmanuel</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Emily & Glynne Rees RIP</i>
Tuesday 24th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Carol Service 5:00pm - Tutbury Christmas Vigil Mass 5:30pm Carol Service 5:30pm Vigil for Children Mass 6:00pm Carol Service 11:30pm Midnight Mass 12:00 midnight	<i>Gregory & Esther Abhulinnen RIP</i> <i>Mark Hallam RIP</i> <i>Teddy & Ijeoma God's Blessing</i> <i>Expectant Mothers</i>
Wednesday 25th <i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Baldock & O'Reilly families</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Thursday 26th <i>Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr</i>	Mass 10:00am Altar Servers' Feast	<i>Alice, Chris and family God's Blessing</i>
Friday 27th <i>Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 28th <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Patrick & Patricia Molloy</i> <i>Wedding Anniversary</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 29th <i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>George & Nora Fenton RIP</i> <i>Josefina Gonzalez 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, 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 524

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Last Sunday: £705.71

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £250.29

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: We would like to thank all parishioners for their ongoing generosity to the soup kitchen throughout 2024. Wishing you all a happy new year. Ongoing donations of soup and/or beans will be gratefully appreciated. God bless you all. Elaine and the team.

YEAR OF PRAYER, 3rd DECEMBER 2023 – 24th DECEMBER 2024: In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 was 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**, which offered a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. The Year of Prayer will end on Tuesday 24 December 2024.

THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025: The Jubilee Year is upon us and you are invited to participate. Access resources on the Archdiocesan 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 will celebrate Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Year at St Chad's Cathedral on **Sunday 29 December 2024**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

ARCHBISHOP BERNARD'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2024: In a short video recorded at Archbishop's House, His Grace reflects on the crib at the centre of the German Christmas Market in Birmingham and how the crib was an important place of pilgrimage for the shepherds and wise men.

Christmas is like a pilgrimage - with many of us travelling - and this year, as Catholics, we are preparing for Christmas at the very beginning of the Jubilee Year 2025.

We're invited to remember in our prayers the people of Israel, Gaza and the Holy Land this Christmas. His Grace adds: *"My prayer for you this Christmas is that wherever you travel you may find at the end of that journey family or friends, but certainly find Jesus Christ in your own hearts, the Prince of Peace"*.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS' FEAST: All altar servers in the parish are invited to attend the celebration of altar servers' feast on Thursday 26th December - the Feast of St Stephen. Mass will start at 10:00am.

Next Sunday's Rota – 29th December 2024			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Adrienne Imhoagene	Rosemary Scott	Gabriella Kalmer
Eucharistic Minister	Gerry Gough	Pat Molloy	Bill Moloney
Tea & Coffee	Teresa McCallum & Mary Fermor	Patricia Carver & Christine Hardly	Jomy John & children
Stewards	Jerome Emery	Gary Redfern & Paul Moon	Gabriella Kalmer
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
29th December	Patricia & Christine		

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. **We raised £4,524.99.** Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Bazaar. 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.

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>