

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 of Easter - Year A 25th / 26th April 2026

Fourth Sunday: Mass & Readings: Year A. Weekdays: Year II Fourth Sunday. Hours: Psalter Week 4 of Easter.

Saturday 25th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Canon John Gunn Intention</i> <i>Terence Beech RIP</i>
Sunday 26th <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Peter Arnold RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Shields Stephen RIP</i>
Monday 27th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Bento & Clea Dias</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Tuesday 28th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>K.K. Joseph RIP</i>
Wednesday 29th <i>Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 30th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:15am - St Modwen School Mass: 11:am	<i>School Intention</i> <i>Peter Evanson RIP</i>
Friday 1st <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>P.K. Jose RIP</i>
Saturday 2nd <i>Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm – Tutbury	<i>Pearl D'Souza – Birthday</i> <i>Brian Hallam RIP</i>
Sunday 3rd <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Jerina George RIP</i> <i>Michael McDermott</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>

CONFESSION: St. Mary & Modwen's Church every Saturday after 9:30am Mass. In addition, we will provide confession on request. Please take the opportunity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND OF OUR PARISH:

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, Emily Woodward, John Woodward, Shaji Augusthy, Cathal Cushnahan, Carol Boulton, Agnes Fitzgerald, Chris Adkin, Bridget Hallam.

MASS ATTENDANCE: For last Sunday 491

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Last Sunday: **£1,053.35**

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Last Sunday Second Collection: Building & Development **£226.18**

This Sunday Second Collection: Clergy Training Fund

Next Sunday Second Collection: Building & Development

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CENACLE GROUP: Our Cenacle Prayer group meets **every Tuesday at 7:00pm.** to pray the Rosary. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to join. Bring your petitions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, which you can put in the petition box in front of Our Lady's statue during Cenacle prayer. God bless.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR April - For Priests in Crisis: Let us pray for Priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

PIETY SHOP: Our Piety Shop, in the Parish Centre, opens after 9:00am Mass on Sundays. Please come and have a look, we are selling a selection of religious articles, books and cards. 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.

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.

MISSIO RED BOXES & 2026 CALENDARS: The total raised during 2025 by parishioners with Red Boxes at home was **£486.03**. A **BIG THANK YOU** for your much appreciated, ongoing support for Missio. Your Red boxes are available to pick up from the back of church, along with a thank you note. Look out for an update from Missio HQ confirming the 'grand total' donated by our parish **through both** red box and direct parishioner contributions. Calendars are available at the back of the church for all who would like one. **Best wishes,** Paul Moon Parish Missio Co-ordinator

2026/2027 GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Thank you to all who signed up to Gift-aid your donations to the Parish. Your new envelopes, which will start on 6th April 2026 are ready for collection from the Parish Office. Again, thank you for your kind donations to the Parish. If you are a UK Taxpayer and have not signed up to Gift-aid your donation to the parish, please do sign up. It does not cost you any extra money. God bless.

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.

SPIRITAN RETREAT: Fr Stan will be away on Retreat from Sunday 26th April to Friday 1st May 2026.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday, 9th May 2026. Would those who want to go please put their names down on the list at the back of Church.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE WINNERS: 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.

200 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions for 2026 are now due. Thank you to all who have already contacted me and paid. You can always put your subscriptions in an envelope with your name and number (if known) marked for my attention and leave at the presbytery, give to me at 11:00am Sunday Mass or hand to Angela Swinson at any time. 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. It is £12 for the year to have a number in the draw. Prizes are £50, £20 and £10 each month. Thank you for your support. Margaret Barker.

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS: We congratulate Tracey Trevanti, Valbona Progni, Felicity French, James Hobson, John Bagworth and Princewill Bavoh who received the Sacraments at Easter. Please, continue to pray for them.

IS YOUR SON BEING CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD? : Following a successful day last year, the Vocations Office is hosting a Young Discerners Group meeting on **Saturday 9th May**. This is for young men in school years 9-13 who feel they might be being called to the priesthood and is an opportunity to meet together at our diocesan seminary, St Mary's College, Oscott. Participants have the chance to find out more about the priesthood and seminary life, spend time in prayer, meet seminarians and explore how to discern. Their parents are also invited to attend as part of a parallel programme, where they can have a tour of Oscott and meet with a priest's parents, who can answer their questions. Whilst this is a free event booking is essential. Please see poster at the back of church for more information.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND – Vocations Sunday Appeal: This Sunday is Vocations Sunday, and there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. This fund supports the formation of our future priests and permanent deacons for our Archdiocese. The formation of a priest typically takes around seven years and costs in the region of £200,000 per seminarian. This is a significant commitment for our Archdiocese, and it relies entirely on your generosity. Please give as generously as you are able, either in the second collection this weekend or online at: www.vocations.org.uk/ctf.

PARISH SOUP KITCHEN: The numbers visiting the Soup Kitchen have increased and we are low in stock. Could we please request for donations of soup, particularly oxtail and vegetable, to be left in the box at the back of church. With grateful thanks from Elaine and team.

PATRICIA ROONEY RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Rooney, a longstanding parishioner, who died on Wednesday 22nd April 2026. May God grant her eternal rest. Her funeral arrangements will be published once we have the details.

MAY ROSARY PROCESSION: There will be a Rosary procession around Burton Town Centre on Saturday 16th May, after the 9:30am Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to participate.

Next Sunday's Rota 3rd May 2026			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Agnus Ross Joshy	Pat Molloy	Alphonsa Matthew
Eucharistic Minister	Gerry Gough	Rosemary Scott	Bill Moloney
Tea & Coffee	Mary Bird & Colette Kirkland	Joyce & Margaret	Bill & Margaret Molony
Stewards	Jerome Emery	Gary Redfern & Paul Moon	Nigel Weldon & Gabriella Kalmer
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
3rd May 2026	John & Anne Ward		

LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP BERNARD LONGLEY - Good Shepherd Sunday:

“Dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church prays especially for vocations to the priesthood. I want to ask you to join me in praying today that all those whom Our Lord is calling will respond with courage and generosity to his invitation to serve their brothers and sisters as priests in our Archdiocese.

If you feel that the Good Shepherd might indeed be calling you - and if you are 18 or over - I would ask you to write to me directly at archbishop@rcaob.org.uk.

I shall be happy to meet you, with our Vocations Director, Fr Craig Szmidt, and to hear your story as you try to discern what the Lord is asking of you today and in the years ahead. Please pray for me and for all our priests.

With my prayers and kindest wishes.

+Bernard Longley

Archbishop of Birmingham”

SAFEGUARDING ISSUE: It has been brought to my attention that at some Masses, children occasionally go out to use the toilet unaccompanied. Could you please ensure that you go out to the toilet with your child at all times. Kind regards Denise.

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>