

Ss Mary and Modwen's Catholic Church, Burton

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

18/19 March 2023

Week 4 of Lent: Mass & Readings: Sunday – Year A. Weekdays – Lent. Psalter Week 4

Saturday 18th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Bernadette Lawrence RIP</i> <i>Donor's Intention</i>
Sunday 19th <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Joseph Rothwell</i> <i>Bowen family Thanksgiving</i> <i>and Private Intentions</i>
Monday 20th <i>Solemnity of St Joseph,</i> <i>Spouse of the Blessed</i> <i>Virgin Mary</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 21st <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Dennis Harvey RIP</i>
Wednesday 22nd <i>Lent Feria</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am Confirmation 6:30pm	<i>Special Intention</i> <i>St. Modwen's Primary Sch.</i>
Thursday 23rd <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:15am - St Modwen's Catholic Primary School Mass 9:30am	<i>School Community</i> <i>Abraham Thekeparampit</i> <i>RIP</i>
Friday 24th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7:00pm	<i>God's intervention to save</i> <i>marriage</i> <i>Donor's Intention</i>
Saturday 25th <i>Solemnity of the</i> <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Special Intention</i> <i>Sr. Chika Dibia God's</i> <i>Blessing</i>
Sunday 26th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Mary & John</i> <i>Special Intention</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, Justina Okoye, Dolly Rothwell, Justin Oguora, Emily Woodward, John Woodward, Shaji Augusthy, Margaret Hudson, Gordon Adams.

MASS ATTENDANCE: 359

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Offertory Collection for last Sunday: £636.71

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£12,593.53

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £652.71

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

Last Sunday Special Collection: **CAFOD Lent Fast** £95.97

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

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 Fridays from 10:00am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall during school 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.

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 available 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.

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH – For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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.

CHANGE OF GIFT AID ENVELOPE NUMBERS: Due to many people signing up for standing order Gift Aid giving and some ceasing to use the Gift Aid envelopes, there is a gap in the Gift Aid numbers. Therefore, from the next tax year, beginning 6th April 2023, there will be a re-allocation of new Gift Aid envelope numbers to all the current Gift Aid envelope users. Please keep an eye for your new envelope numbers.

Also, if you currently use envelopes for offertory, building and development fund, and special collections but want to change to a standing order, please speak to Sr Bridget. It is easy and simple.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE - 14th TO 21st SEPTEMBER 2023: The Pilgrimage in September this year 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 and history of Medjugorje, meet Evangeline Lane for a handout on Medjugorje.

Testimony from a Medjugorje pilgrim - It can be said that being on pilgrimage in Medjugorje is like "having a taste of Heaven". When our spiritual needs have been wonderfully met, then our physical needs will naturally decrease, and they become less and less important. While we are in Medjugorje, our hearts will experience extraordinary peace and happiness.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday, 13 May. Those who would want to go should please put their names down on the list at the back of Church.

HOME VISITATION: Fr Stan and Fr Arthur have started home visitation and would like to visit the home of all parishioners. It would be great if parishioners could indicate interest. Please feel free to contact the parish office to arrange a date for your home visitation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Volunteers are needed to help run children's liturgy for the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sundays. If you would want to help, please speak to Fr Stan or Fr Arthur. God bless.

Next Sunday's Rota – 26th March 2023			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Gerry Gough	Pat Molloy	Paul Bowen
Eucharistic Minister	Gerry Gough	Rosemary Scott	Bill Moloney
Tea & Coffee	Teresa McCallum	Rosemary Scott & Cecelia Denham	Paul & Diana Bowen
Stewards	Phil Baxter	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	??????????
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
26th March	????????????????????		

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7:00pm. It is our Catholic practice. Please do attend.

CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS: Please pray for our Catechumens and Candidates who will receive the Sacraments at Easter.

HOLY YEAR 2025: Preparations have already begun in Rome for the Holy Year. The Theme is **Pilgrims of Hope** inviting us to reflect more deeply on Christian hope. This theme anticipates the 2000th anniversary of Christ's Death and Resurrection which we expect to be celebrated in 2033 as a Holy Year of Redemption. The Holy Father will soon be announcing two years of preparation for the Holy Year 2025. The first year will be focussed on the four constitutions of the Second Vatican council. The second year will focus on prayer. More details when available.

SOUP KITCHEN: Thank you for donations received these past months for the soup kitchen. We are currently low on tins of baked beans. If you could spare just one tin whilst shopping it will be greatly appreciated. It can be left in labelled box at back of church. God bless. - Elaine and team.

MISSIO SPRING 2023 MAGAZINE: The Missio Spring 2023 magazine is available to all. Please pick up a copy from the back of church. Paul Moon, Parish Missio Co-ordinator.

BLESSED ROBERT SUTTON SCHOOL - "OUTSTANDING": Good News; following OFSTED's inspection of Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic High School, the school has been judged as "Outstanding". Congratulations to the Governor's, Headteacher (Laura O'Leary), Senior Leadership and Staff teams and Pupils for all their effort and hard work, culminating in this significant achievement. This recognition follows the Diocesan judgement of "Outstanding" for the School's Catholic Life, Worship and Religious Education. It is a very positive development for parents and pupils already at the school and for parents considering their child's secondary education. For more information see the Parish website, <http://www.maryandmodwen.org.uk/schools.html> or the Blessed Robert Sutton website, <https://www.robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk/information/our-ofsted-report/>

WELCOME: We welcome Bishop Stephen Wright on his visit on Wednesday, 22 March 2023 to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our children who attend St Modwen's Catholic Primary School.