

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)

Parish Clergy

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B (Year of Prayer)

9th/10th March 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mass & Readings: Sunday Year B. Weekdays – Lent, Week 4. Psalter Week 4

Saturday 9th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00 - 11:00am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Michael Chukwudi RIP</i> <i>Cordelia Ojiji Intention</i>
Sunday 10th <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>B.E.C. Nwanunobi RIP;</i> <i>Louise Rhodes God's Healing</i> <i>Fr Kingsley Iregbu INT</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 11th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Jeofe Bueno RIP</i>
Tuesday 12th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Jirenen Bueno Birthday</i>
Wednesday 13th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 14th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Emeriem Okoye Family deceased</i>
Friday 15th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7:00pm	<i>Holy Souls</i> <i>James McCaughey RIP</i>
Saturday 16th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Fr Michael Crumpton RIP</i> <i>Sean Callaghan RIP</i>
Sunday 17th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Teddy Nwanunobi God's Blessing</i> <i>Noreen Lynch</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, Mark Hallam, Betty McKinley.

MASS ATTENDANCE: For last Sunday 493

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: For last Sunday: £753.88

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£5,112.07

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £108.51

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Cathedral Maintenance:** £119.49

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.

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.

OUR PARISH IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY: Dear Parishioners, 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.

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 2023 with a particular focus on the **Our Father**, this is a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

HOME VISITATION: Fr Stan and Fr Matthew are available for 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.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024: Please see the parish website <http://www.maryandmodwen.org.uk> for the text of the Pope's Lenten message.

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 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>

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 SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions for 2024 are now due. Thank you to all who have already contacted me and paid. Please put any outstanding subscriptions in an envelope with your name and number (if known) marked for my attention and leave at the presbytery. There are still a few numbers left, if you would like to take on an additional number or join the 200 Club if you are not already a member. Margaret

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH – For the new martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

PARISH CENTRE ROOF REPAIRS: Work to repair the Parish Centre roof has begun on Tuesday 5th March 2024. As a result of the scaffolding, the number of car parking spaces will be significantly reduced for the duration of the work which we anticipate will be for two weeks. In addition, to provide site security the parish car parks will be locked over-night. Thank you for your understanding.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS: Today is a Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments. In our parish we have Hollie Dingley and Elliot Gilchrist who are Catechumens preparing for Christian Initiation, and Elaine Janet Ingram who is a baptised candidate to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church. Please remember to pray for them.

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.

ST MOD'S TIDDLERS: Sessions on Friday are suspended until further notice.

Next Sunday's Rota – 17th March 2024			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Caren Pickering	Pat Molloy	Paul Bowen
Eucharistic Minister	Gerry Gough	Rosemary Scott	Bill Moloney
Tea & Coffee	Mary Bird & Colette Kirkland	Rosemary & Cecelia	Jomy John and children
Stewards	Mary Ann Imhoagene	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	?????
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
17th March	?????		

MISSIO SPRING 2024 MAGAZINE AND RED BOX HOLDERS: 2024 Mission magazines are available to all at the back of Church. A small number of returned Red Boxes remain for 'picking up' at the back of church. Returned Red Boxes all had a 'Thank You' note attached confirming the amount inside your box. The combined amount within the Red Boxes brought in by parishioners in late 2023 was **£630.48. A BIG THANK YOU** for your ongoing support for Missio through Red Box contributions. Similar thanks for donations from parishioners who instead have chosen to set up either a Red Box monthly direct debit or make a 'one-off' gift. Please look out for a further update in newsletters confirming the TOTAL amount, including direct debits and 'one-off' donations, raised by our Parish during 2023. This figure has yet to be finalised by Missio HQ. **Very Best Wishes.** - Paul Moon - Parish Missio Co-ordinator.

LIFE CHARITY: We are very grateful for all the donations we have received, these donations enable us to help local Mothers and babies in the town. We have a number of collection boxes in various locations and Churches and we are asking you for any donations of Newborn size Baby Clothes (New and second hand) and Baby Toiletries and Packs of nappies (Newborn size 1 and 2). We can collect donations of any type (excluding car seats, furniture, quilts, pillows). These donations will be taken to the nearest "Life Charity Shop" in Derby, raising money for the work of "Life Charity" nationally. If you know of anywhere else where a collection box can be placed, please would you let me know. We thank you for your ongoing support and ask if you could share this information with anyone you can. - Anne Ward.

The dearest gifts that heaven holds,
The very finest, too,
Were made into one pattern
That was perfect, sweet, and true;
The Angels smiled, well-pleased, and said:
"Compared to all the others,
This pattern is so wonderful
Let's use it just for Mothers!"
And through the years, a Mother
Has been all that's sweet and good
For there's one bit of God and love,
In all true Motherhood. - (by Helen Steiner Rice)

Happy Mother's Day!