

Ss Mary and Modwen's Catholic Church, Burton

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A 21st/22nd March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Mass & Readings: Year A. Weekdays: Year II Fifth Sunday of Lent. Hours: Psalter Week 1.

Saturday 21st	Mass 9:30am	<i>Peter Keane RIP</i>
	Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Jimmy McCabe RIP</i>
Sunday 22nd <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Jerina George RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Jomy John & Family</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Monday 23rd <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Abraham dead relatives to rest in peace</i>
Tuesday 24th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Giuseppina Piechowicz RIP</i>
Wednesday 25th <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 26th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>John Joe McColgan RIP</i>
Friday 27th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7:30pm	<i>James McCarron Intention</i> } For the duration of Lent <i>Dominic Dollon RIP</i>
Saturday 28th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm – Tutbury	<i>James McCarron Intention</i> <i>Bridget O'Mahony RIP</i>
Sunday 29th <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Patrick & Julia Mitchell RIP</i> <i>George & Nora Fenton RIP</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.

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

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 579

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Last Sunday: £895.50

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Last Sunday Second Collection: Persecuted Christians in Nigeria **£363.96**

This Sunday Second Collection: Building & Development

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 MARCH: For Disarmament and Peace, let us pray that nations move to effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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.

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.

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 2026 CALENDARS: are now available at the back of the church for all who would like one. **Best wishes,** Paul Moon Parish Missio Co-ordinator

MISSIO RED BOXES: 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. When received from Missio HQ, look out for an update confirming the 'grand total' donated by our parish **through both** red box contributions and individual parishioners who donate directly.

CANDIDATES FOR THE SACRAMENTS: In our parish we have Tracey Trevanti, Valbona Progni, Felicity French, and James Hobson who are Catechumens preparing for Christian Initiation; also, John Bagworth and Princewill Bavoh who are baptised candidates to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church. Please remember to pray for them.

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. Margaret will be in the Parish Centre after each Mass on Sunday 22nd February and Sunday 1st March to collect your subs. 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.

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

SS MARY & MODWEN PARISH YOUTH GROUP: Join us for our next meeting of Faith and fun: Friday 27th March 7-9pm in the parish rooms - £1 entry - please bring extra cash as there is a tuck shop available (and because it is Lent we will have our usual CAFOD donation pot too) - consent form required if this is your first visit with us - YEAR 3 upwards. Special thanks to our parent helpers who have made this possible.

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.

HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL FUNCTIONS: The list of Holy Week Liturgical Functions is out at the back of Church. Please sign up for the function or functions you would like to perform.

HOLY WEEK DIARY:

Tuesday	31 st March:	Penitential Service - 7:00pm
Wednesday	1 st April:	Chrism Mass - St Chad's Cathedral 11:30am
Holy Thursday	2 nd April:	Morning Prayer - 9:30am Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm
Good Friday	3 rd April:	Morning Prayer - 9:30am Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm, followed by Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	4 th April:	Morning Prayer - 9:30am Easter Vigil - 8:00pm
Easter Sunday	5 th April:	Mass - 9:00am and 11:00am - Ss Mary & Modwen Mass - 9:00am - St. Christopher's, Tutbury.

LICHFIELD AND WALSALL DEANERY VISITATION: We welcome Archbishop Bernard to our parish on his pastoral visit this weekend Saturday 21st March to Sunday 22nd March 2026. The Archbishop will meet with parishioners after each of the Masses this weekend. We pray for God's grace upon Archbishop Bernard as he shepherds the people of our diocese, and for a successful and fruitful Deanery Visitation.

Next Sunday's Rota 29th March 2026			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Laura Okhuoloigbe	Jovita Jimmy	Evangeline Lane
Eucharistic Minister	Jerome Emery	Carol Kersey	Angelina Dyche
Tea & Coffee	John & Anne Ward	Rosemary Scott & Cecelia Denham	Paul & Diana Bowen
Stewards	Philip Baxter & Jerome Emery	Gary Redfern & Paul Moon	Nigel Weldon & Gabriella Kalmer
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
29th March 2026	John & Ann Ward		

CLOSING OF THE LICHFIELD AND WALSALL DEANERY VISITATION: The gathering for the closing of our Deanery Visitation will be this Tuesday 24th March 2026 at St. Mary the Mount Walsall. Our deanery clergy together with Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop Timothy Menezes, will gather with the lay faithful of our deanery for this closing ceremony. It will start with Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) at 7:00pm. Parishioners are encouraged to attend. There will be refreshments afterwards.

ASSISTED DYING BILL: Scrutiny of the Assisted Dying bill in the Lords has been thorough and given the number of amendments proposed demonstrates that the bill in its current form is simply not fit for purpose. However, the Assisted suicide pressure group, *Dignity in Dying*, along with other campaigners, are now lobbying MPs to try to use what is known as the Parliament Acts to bypass the House of Lords, their careful consideration and proposed amendments, and force the assisted suicide Bill into law in the next Parliamentary session. This is unprecedented and utterly inappropriate. It's vital that it is clear to MPs that their constituents do not support this profoundly inappropriate attempt to force assisted suicide into law. Your MP needs to hear your views on this issue.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION – Visit the Right to Life Website, link below

<https://righttolife.org.uk/ascommons2026>

Take some time to read about what is happening in your name. Enter your postcode to use the Right to Life Easy Action tool to write to your MP and ask them to oppose attempts to force the assisted suicide Bill into law by using the Parliament Acts to bypass the House of Lords.

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>