

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

25/26 March 2023

Week 5 of Lent: Mass & Readings: Sunday – Year A. Weekdays – Lent. Psalter Week 1

Saturday 25th <i>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Special Intention Sr. Chika Dibia God's Blessing</i>
Sunday 26th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish Mary & John Mernagh Special Intention</i>
Monday 27th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Private Intention</i>
Tuesday 28th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Bridget O'Mahony RIP</i>
Wednesday 29th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Sabu and family Private Intention</i>
Thursday 30th <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:15am - St Modwen's Catholic Primary School Mass 9:30am	<i>School Community Albert and Ellen Minehan</i>
Friday 31st <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Mass 7:00pm	<i>John Mernagh Deacon John Higgins RIP</i>
Saturday 1st April <i>Lent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Special Intention Private Intention</i>
Sunday 2nd April <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish Terence Beech RIP Bowen family Intentions</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: 371

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Offertory Collection for last Sunday: £

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£12,593.53

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

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 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.

NEW OFFERTORY AND GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Please your new offertory and Gift Aid envelopes, starting 6th April 2023 will be ready for collection at the parish office from 2nd April 2023. Thank you for your generous giving and support to the Parish. God bless.

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.

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.

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.

Next Sunday's Rota – 2nd April 2023			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Ann Giblin	Rosemary Scott	Jomy John
Eucharistic Minister	Kath Atkinson		Bill Moloney
Tea & Coffee	Mary Fermor	Patricia Carver & Christine Hardly	???????????
Stewards	Jerome Emery	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	???????????
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
2nd April	John & Ann Ward		

HOLY WEEK DIARY:

Tuesday 4 April: **Penitential Service** - 7:00pm

Wednesday 5 April: **Chrism Mass** - St Chad's Cathedral 11:30am

Holy Thursday 6 April: **Morning Prayer** 9:30am; **Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7:30pm

Good Friday 7 April: **Morning Prayer** 9:30am; **Celebration of the Lord's Passion begins with Stations of the Cross** 3:00pm

Holy Saturday 8 April: **Morning Prayer** 9:30am; **Easter Vigil** 8:00pm

Easter Sunday 9 April: 9:00am and 11:00am - Ss Mary & Modwen; 9:00am - Tutbury.

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: Huge thanks to parishioners for the generous donations of Baked beans. We have now replenished our supplies. We are running short of Oxtail, mushroom and vegetable soup so would be grateful if you could spare just 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 team.

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/>