

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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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

13th/14th May 2023

Week 6 of Easter: Mass & Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter – Year A. Weekdays – Weekdays of Easter. Psalter Week 2

Saturday 13th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>David and Margaret Muldoon RIP</i> <i>Special Intention</i>
Sunday 14th <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Carlo and Carmelina Morrone</i> <i>Gerard Evans family RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 15th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Reception of Body 5:00pm	<i>John McArdle RIP</i> <i>Hazel Joan Bourke RIP</i>
Tuesday 16th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Requiem Mass 11:00am	<i>John Gough RIP</i> <i>Hazel Joan Bourke RIP</i>
Wednesday 17th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am Funeral 12:30pm - Tutbury	<i>Adrian Barry Smith,</i> <i>Augusto and Anna Maria</i> <i>Mary Kate Sutherland RIP</i>
Thursday 18th <i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord</i>	Mass 9:15am - St Modwen's Catholic Primary School Mass 9:30am Mass 5:00pm – Tutbury Mass 7:30pm	<i>School Community</i> <i>Justina Okoye RIP</i> <i>Liz Rowland Intentions</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Friday 19th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Matt Reilly RIP</i>
Saturday 20th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Special Intention</i> <i>Patrick Conaghan RIP</i>
Sunday 21st <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Margaret Emery RIP</i> <i>Jim Gonnery RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</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.

MASS ATTENDANCE: 389

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Offertory Collection for last Sunday: £592.94

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£11,601.88

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £151.38

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

Next Sunday Second Collection: **Catholic Communications**

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.

ST MOD'S TIDDLERS: Sessions run on Fridays from 10:00am to 11.30am in the Parish centre during school term time only. 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.

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.

GIFTAID: 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.

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.

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

NEW OFFERTORY AND GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Please your new offertory and Gift Aid envelopes starting **6th April 2023** are ready for collection at the parish office. The envelopes will also be available for collection in the Parish centre after 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sunday. Thank you for your generous giving and support for the Parish. God bless.

200 CLUB: The winners for **APRIL 2023** are:

1st – 178 – Mrs K Atkinson, 2nd – 144 – Mrs N Foley, 3rd – 49 – Mr G Gough

Your cheques will be posted out to you very soon.

There are still some 2023 subscriptions due and 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. Please place your money securely in a sealed envelope and marked with your name & number (if possible) and post/hand in at the Presbytery. THANK YOU to the Parishioners who have already done this it has been a great help. 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, or you need more information about the pilgrimage or Medjugorje, please contact Evangeline Lane on **07841 751179**.

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.

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.

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.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY – For Church movements and groups:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

HEDNESFORD PILGRIMAGE, SUNDAY 2 JULY: All are invited to pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, Staffordshire. Refreshments available from 1:00pm - Rosary 3:00pm - Mass (including the sacrament of the sick) 4:00pm with Principal Concelebrant and Preacher Bishop Stephen Wright. Please note this is an outdoor Mass and all are requested to bring their own chair.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday, 18th May is Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a Holyday of Obligation on which Catholics are obliged to observe as a Sunday by attending Mass. There will be 9:30am and 7:30pm Masses at St Mary and St Modwen, and 5:00pm Mass at Tutbury.

Next Sunday's Rota – 21st May 2023			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Mary Ann Imhoagene	Pat Molloy	Patricia Baka
Eucharistic Minister	Gerry Gough	Rosemary Scott	Bill Moloney
Tea & Coffee	Teresa McCallum & Mary Fermor	Joyce & Margaret	Paul & Diana Bowen
Stewards	Phil Baxter	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	?????
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
21st May	John & Ann Ward		

APPEAL FOR SPIRITAN MISSIONS: There will be a mission appeal for the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) at Masses on Pentecost Sunday. Please give generously to support our missions.

PENTECOST NOVENA: Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost starts from Friday, 19 May - Saturday, 28 May 2023. The novena prayer will follow at the end of Mass on those days.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH: You have asked us how you can continue giving to your parish. Your parish, St. Mary and St Modwen, still greatly needs your support. We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so. You can donate via standing order or single donation. God bless.

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.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21 May 2023. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live." The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalatial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'. Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010. You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day