

Ss Mary and Modwen's Catholic Church, Burton

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Fifth Sunday of Easter 15th May 2022

Year C Readings for Mass.

Saturday 14th <i>St Matthias Apostle</i>	1st Holy Communion Mass 10:30am 1st Holy Communion Mass 12:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm -Tutbury	<i>Class 3A, St. Modwen's</i> <i>Class 3B, St. Modwen's</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 15th <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Eileen Stuart</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 16th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Special intention</i>
Tuesday 17th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 18th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Exposition 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 19th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>John McArdle</i>
Friday 20th <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Funeral 11:00am	<i>Holy Souls</i> <i>Timothy Foster</i>
Saturday 21st <i>Easter Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Mass 12:30pm - Wedding Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>John Gough</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 22nd <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Special intention</i> <i>Rosemary Kersey (RIP)</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>

Please note: The sacrament of reconciliation is administered in our Parish every Saturday after 9:30am Mass and on request.

Please pray for all the sick and housebound of the Parish:

Mary Conway, Maya Whatton, Damian Walsh, Tony Mulcahy, Pat Lawton, Joe Emery, Sheila Chatterton, Kath Woodyet, Carolyn Edge, Richard Waldron, Andrew Poyser, Sue Rose, Eileen Davis, Chris Morris, Sadie Blackford

Lord Grant Eternal Rest to those who have died recently:

Giuseppina Piechowicz, Rachel Smith, Luciana Dido, Timothy Foster

Offertory Collection:

Offertory collection last Sunday: £1,791.36

Building & Development:

B&D collections last Sunday: £281.80

Development Fund running total: *-£19,345.48*

SPECIAL/SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Second collections last Sunday: Clergy Training Fund: £103.00

TODAY, the Second Collection will be for **Diocesan Ukraine support**

Next Sunday the Second Collection will be for **Building and Development Fund**

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please collect from the Presbytery after each of today's Masses or from the Parish office from Monday, 16.5.2022

ST MOD'S TIDDLERS: FRIDAY'S 10:00am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall. There will be 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.

REINTRODUCTION OF ALTAR SERVERS: We are starting to reintroduce altar serving in the Parish. If you or your child wishes to resume altar serving, please contact Matthew Mills via email - mills.matthew530@gmail.com

LATEST COVID GUIDANCE – Update (20.3.2022): Whilst the legal requirements associated with Covid-19 no longer apply the Government continues to advise that we wear a face mask when in enclosed spaces. Therefore, in accordance with this advice, Diocesan guidance and our on-going duty of care for our parishioners, we will continue to:

- Ask you to wear face masks whilst in Church – Please bring your own mask and help us to reduce costs.
- Sanitise your hands on entering the Church.
- In addition, **we ask, out of respect for your fellow parishioners, you comply with our measures to reduce the risk of infection and to help ease the anxiety of those parishioners returning to Mass for the first time since the pandemic started.**

Our full guidance is available via a link on the home page of our Parish website, www.maryandmodwen.org.uk Thank you for your co-operation at this time.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD: Thank you to all parishioners of SS Mary & Modwen for your generous support to CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £836.80 which we received on 28 April 2022. Thank you so much for being there for our global family.

FR HUDSON'S CARE 2021 CRIB APPEAL: Thank you for your kind donation of £36.47 of your Crib Collection and sharing your love and care with people in need this Christmas. I wish you God's blessings.

MESSAGE FROM MARGARET BARKER: I would like to thank the parishioners for the generous gift for my retirement. It was very kind of you all. Many thanks also for the personal gifts and cards that I received. I have enjoyed my many years of working with the 'St Mary & St Modwen Team' and thank you all for your support of me over the years. I will still see many of you at Church hopefully. *Love from Margaret*

CALLING ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH: The UCM (UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS) are recommending their monthly evening meetings starting from Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The group is open to ALL LADIES of the Parish; you do NOT have to be a Mother, a Catholic, or Married. You just have to be Female. Please feel free to come along and see what we get up to and decide if you would like to join us.

ST MODWEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES:

- (1) Grade 2 Midday Supervisors: 1 x Fixed Term, Term-time Grade 2 (SCP 2-3 £18,516-£18,887 pro-rata) – 6.25 hours per week, Fixed contract.
- (2) Grade 5 Senior Play Leaders; 4 x Fixed-Term, Term-time Grade 5 (SCP 6-9 £20,043-£21,269 pro-rata) – 7.5 hours per week, Fixed term contract 1.9.2022-31.8.2023.

For full vacancy details see our Parish website or contact: Headteacher: Mrs Andrea Sherratt; Phone: 01283 247565; Email: office@st-modwens.staffs.sch.uk. For an application form and information regarding the responsibilities of the posts, job descriptions and person specifications visit www.st-modwens.staffs.sch.uk

Closing Date: Noon Mon 23rd May 2022. Interviews: Thurs 26th May 2022.

BISHOP'S CONFERENCE ON RETURN TO SUNDAY OBLIGATION: The excerpt below is from the text of the message of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales on return to the obligation of attending Sunday Mass in person.

"We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

*Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. **Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.**"*

[See our Parish website www.maryandmodwen.org.uk for full text of the statement]

DIOCESAN VACANCIES: Currently the Diocese is seeking to fill a number of vacancies; Director of Education Services and Trustees for St. Mary's College Oscott. Further information and details are available on the Parish website, www.maryandmodwen.org.uk

GAP YEAR VOLUNTEERING AT SPIRITAN JUST YOUTH PROJECT: Are you 18 to 25 and wish to support young people in their holistic growth, discover and develop their talents through Chaplaincy and other outreach programs? Please contact Just Youth on www.justyouth.co.uk and apply.

DIOCESAN UKRAINE SUPPORT: The Diocese encourages people to give directly to the Disaster Emergency Committee. The link to donate to the Disaster Emergency Committee appeal via CAFOD, which will maximise the funds provided as a result of the simpler Gift Aid process is as follows:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversaltype=single&Appeal=123770>

In addition, Father Hudson's will continue to receive offers of accommodation and language services and to support and remain in touch with those who offer their help: For further information see: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/your-help>

MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP ON SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE:

Many parish communities in our Archdiocese have already been most generous in their support – financial and through prayer - for those who are suffering because of the war in Ukraine. Many parishes have supported Caritas organisations in Europe and Ukraine, as well as other international agencies, with generous donations.

It has become clear to the group of Diocesan representatives which meets weekly regarding our response to the crisis in Ukraine, facilitated by Father Hudson's, that a Diocesan fund is necessary for several reasons:

- To recruit a worker for up to 6 months who will support the host and refugee families, particularly with the complex Visa and matching process, and then afterwards staying in touch with them and ensuring that they get the full support that they are supposed to get from the local Council and other statutory agencies. Also helping with any of the issues that will undoubtedly arise in such an emotional and complex time. Father Hudson's would seek to recruit a worker who can speak Ukrainian and/or Russian.
- It is also clear that some families and individuals who arrive will need destitution support and some of this collection will be used as a crisis fund for this where necessary.
- Some existing Catholic Ukrainian communities in the Archdiocese may also request some of this funding to enable their work of welcome to thrive.

Should there be any funds remaining once our local Diocesan response is in place and fully working for the time period necessary, these would be given to CAFOD for their support in Ukraine and its neighbouring countries.

With the assurance of my prayers and every kind wish for Eastertide.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+ **Bernard Longley**