

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)

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Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Year A

24th/25th December 2022

Christmas: Mass & Readings: Sunday - During the Day. Weekday – Octave of Christmas. Psalter Week 1

Saturday 24th <i>Advent Feria</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm -Tutbury Children's Vigil Mass 5:30pm Midnight Mass 11:30pm	<i>Donor's Intention</i> <i>Bridgette & Brian Hallam</i> <i>Markey Family RIP</i> <i>George & Nora Fenton</i>
Sunday 25th Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>Brian Baldock</i> <i>Mary & Patrick Byrne</i>
Monday 26th <i>Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr</i>	Mass 10:00am - Altar Servers Feast	<i>Les, Charlotte, Rosemary Kersey</i>
Tuesday 27th <i>Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	NO MASS	
Wednesday 28th <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Mass 11:00am	<i>P.J & P.Molloy (Anniv.)</i>
Thursday 29th <i>Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>John & Mary Mernagh RIP (Anniv.)</i>
Friday 30th <i>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Bill Donovan; Joseph Joseph RIP (Anniv.)</i>
Saturday 31st <i>7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	NO MASS Vigil Mass 5:00pm -Tutbury	<i>Trish Hampton</i>
Sunday 1st January Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Ann, Michael Kevin Horgan</i> <i>Joe McCabe RIP</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, Kath Woodyet, Carolyn Edge, Richard Waldron, Andrew Poyser, Sue Rose, Eileen Davis, Chris Morris, Sadie Blackford, Martin Routledge, Doreen Swan, Marilyn Gough, Justina Okoye, Dolly Rothwell, Justin Oguora, Emily Woodward, John Woodward.

MASS ATTENDANCE: 319

OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Offertory Collection for last Sunday: £576.34

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£14,741.47

Last Sunday Second Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £178.92

This Sunday Second Collection: **Christmas Offering for Priests**

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 OFFICER: For all volunteers who wish to contact Eilis Field for DBS, her email address is: sg.stmary-mod.burton-on-trent@rcaob.org.uk

ST MOD'S TIDDLERS: Is now closed for Christmas and New Year break. Group will restart session on Friday, 20th Jan 2023. To all parents, carers and children Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from group leader Magdalena and her amazing helpers Evangeline, Marie and Maryann.

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 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.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS PAST AND PRESENT: We have now reintroduced altar serving in the Parish. If you or your child wishes to resume or start serving on the altar, please contact Fr Arthur or Fr Stan after Mass or Matthew Mills. In addition, the parish is updating its record of Altar Servers in the Parish. We want to ensure our records capture all those who have undertaken the ministry of Altar Serving in the parish, both past and present. If you or your children have been an Altar server in the past, please contact Matthew Mills with any details you have of who was serving and when, including dates of enrolment to the Guild of St Stephen and when they finished. Matthew Mills can be contacted via e-mail: mills.matthew530@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION: Catechism classes in preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for children who do not currently attend St. Modwen's Catholic School started on Saturday 19th November in the parish centre. For First Holy Communion: 9:30am to 10:30am; Confirmation: 11:00am - 12:00noon.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 3RD DECEMBER 2022: Thank you for all your kind donations and support for the Christmas Bazaar. 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. Kind regards, John Mitcheson

APPRECIATION: Many thanks to John Mitcheson and his team for their hard work and for a job well done in organising our Parish Christmas Bazaar. We raised £4,206.77. Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Bazaar. God bless you.

MISSIO RED BOX HOLDERS: It's that time of year again for boxes to be emptied and monies transferred to Missio HQ. Please pass your red box to the stewards as you arrive for any mass on Sundays Nov 20th, 27th or Dec 4th. Thank you for your ongoing support for Missio via your Red Box contributions. Similarly, thanks to those parishioners who during Covid decided not to continue with a Red Box at home, instead choosing either to set up a monthly donation direct to Missio or make a 'one-off' donation during the year. **Thank You All.** I'll confirm the total amount raised by our parish during 2022 in newsletters early in the New Year! Best wishes. - Paul Moon - Parish Missio Red Box Co-ordinator.

200 CLUB: The winners for **November** 2022 are:

1st (£50) – No: 1, A Swinson, 2nd (£20) – No: 232, R Seaborn,
3rd (£10) – No: 6, B Kinsella

The winners for **December** 2022 are:

1st (£50) – No: 97 – Mrs R Millward, 2nd (£20) – No: 81 – C Adkin,
3rd (£10) – No: 142 – P Dennis

Your cheques will be posted out to you very soon. Subscriptions for 2023 are due in January. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and it will be advised how these will be collected. Thank you to all those who keep the '200 Club' going. – Margaret

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER - For volunteer not-for-profit organisations: We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.

Next Sunday's Rota – 1st January 2023			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Gerry Gough	?	?
Eucharistic Minister	Gerry Gough	?	?
Tea & Coffee	John Ward	?	?
Stewards	Phillip Baxter	?	?
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
1st January		?	

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Envelopes for Christmas Offering for priests of the parish are at the back of Church for your collection.

SYNOD 2023-2024: At his Angelus message on Sunday 16th October, the Holy Father spoke the following:

On 10 October last year, the first phase opened of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission". Since then, the first phase of the Synod is being carried out in the local Churches through listening and discernment. The fruits of the synodal process underway are many, but so that they might come to full maturity, it is necessary not to be in a rush. Therefore, in order to have a more relaxed period of discernment, I have established that this Synodal Assembly will take place in two sessions. The first from 4th to 29th October 2023, and the second in October of 2024. I trust that this decision will promote the understanding of synodality as a constitutive dimension of the Church and help everyone to live it as the journey of brothers and sisters who proclaim the joy of the Gospel.

Christmas Message 2022 from Archbishop Bernard Longley: Traditionally Christmas is a time for the exchange of gifts – although this year some gifts may take longer to arrive because of the postal strike – and one very welcome gift for everybody affected would be a just resolution to the various disputes over pay and working conditions. Recent strikes remind us of all the uncertainty that so many of us feel about the future because of inflation and rising fuel and food bills. It's been much more of a struggle for families to make ends meet and find gifts for each other this Christmas. Peace of mind in place of anxiety would be a welcome gift in many homes. Choosing the right gift for a friend or loved one is less important than the friendship or love that it represents. At Christmas we celebrate the greatest gift possible – the birth of a child – and this gift comes from the God whose name is love. The birth of Jesus Christ is the greatest sign of God's love for every living being. The season of good will is also a time when we feel our losses most keenly – especially the loss of loved ones who would have shared this festival with us. The death of Queen Elizabeth reminded us that our feelings of loss are another expression of our love. This Christmas we remember and pray especially for the families of the four children who lost their lives so recently in Birmingham. May the child born at Bethlehem give them comfort and strength to face the coming year. The deepest longings of our hearts find their fulfilment in the gift of Christ's birth. Christmas celebrates God's love for the world he made. May you and all those close to you be richly blessed by the gift of one another and the love of Christ this Christmas.