

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)

Parish Clergy

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B (Year of Prayer)

20th/21st January

: Mass & Readings: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B. Weekdays in Ordinary time. Psalter Week 3

Saturday 20th <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Saturday</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Peggy Redmond RIP</i> <i>Farrell McElgonn RIP</i>
Sunday 21st <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Deceased members of John Emerie Okoye family</i> <i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Phil Winsper RIP</i>
Monday 22nd <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday 23rd <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASS	
Wednesday 24th <i>Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday 25th <i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle</i>	NO MASS	
Friday 26th <i>Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>	NO MASS	
Saturday 27th <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Saturday</i>	NO MASS Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Mark Hallam for healing</i>
Sunday 28th <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Peggy Redmond RIP</i> <i>Noreen Oliver 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, Brian Hallam.

MASS ATTENDANCE: For last Sunday 473

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: For last Sunday: £659.20

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£6,091.45

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £120.50

This Sunday Second Collection: **Pax Christi:** £96.81

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CENACLE GROUP: Our Cenacle Prayer group meets **every Tuesday at 7:00pm.** Parishioners are invited and encouraged to enrol and be part of our Blessed Mother's 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. Thank you to current and future participants.

ST MOD'S TIDLERS: Sessions on Friday are suspended until further notice.

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

SOUP KITCHEN: Huge thanks to parishioners for the generous donations of soup and beans. We are running short of a few tins of baked beans, Oxtail, and vegetable soup so would be grateful if you could spare even 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 the team.

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 resumed on Saturday 13th January 2024. First Holy Communion: 9:30am to 10:30am; Confirmation: 11:00am - 12:00noon, in the Parish Centre.

OUR PARISH IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY: Dear Parishioners, year, I would like to express my sincere thank you to all those parishioners who have, in these difficult times, generously increased their contributions or given special one-off donations to support the running of our parish. Whilst our financial situation is not yet sustainable, we have made significant progress towards balancing our accounts. Again, thank you for your ongoing support. May God bless you.

YEAR OF PRAYER, 3 DECEMBER 2023 – 24 DECEMBER 2024: In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis. It began on the First Sunday of Advent 2023 with a particular focus on the **Our Father**, this gives us a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

HOLIDAY: Please note, Fr Stan is on holiday until the 1st February 2024.

HOME VISITATION: Fr Stan and Fr Arthur have started home visitations and would like to visit the home of all parishioners. It would be great if parishioners could indicate interest, contact the parish office to arrange a date for your home visitation.

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses 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>

DIOCESAN VISION - UNFOLDING GOD'S PLAN: We are called to be a Catholic Diocese which is: faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour. To achieve our vision together, Archbishop Bernard Longley is asking us all to focus on these four areas:

Evangelisation, Formation, Liturgy and Worship and Social Outreach. He wants us to look at how we will individually respond to God's call to be missionary disciples in the Church and in our local communities, working joyfully together to spread the Word and the work of God. In essence, how will we unfold God's plan for us within our Diocese?

Evangelisation... Sharing our faith; **Liturgy and Worship...** Celebrating our faith;
Formation... Deepening our faith; **Social Outreach...** Witnessing our faith.

200 CLUB WINNERS 2023 & 2024 SUBSCRIPTIONS: Winners, cheques will be posted out to you very soon.

Winners 2023	1st – Prize (£50)	2nd – Prize (£20)	3rd – Prize (£10)
Aug	92 – Mr M Simpkins	41 – Miss M Moody	164 – Miss M Barker
Sept	29 – Mrs M Jennings	130 – Mr J Kolad	40 – Mrs J Yeomans
Oct	97 – Mrs R Millward	62 – Mrs R Scott	100 – Mrs M Jennings
Nov	97 – Mrs R Millward	67 – Mr J Laming	65 – Mrs C Pickering
Dec	37 – Mr W Moloney	46 – Mrs S Seaborn	128 – Mrs M O'Donnell

The subscriptions for next year will be collected after Christmas, in early January and February. I will be in the Parish Rooms after each Mass – Sundays to be advised. Please do not send the monies in before the New Year. 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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY - For the Gift of Diversity in the Church: Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

11:00AM SUNDAY 21st JANUARY 2024: This Sunday 21st January 2024, St Modwen's school, Year 2 & Year 5, will host this mass. Pleased come to support and encourage them.

Next Sunday's Rota – 28th January 2024			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Abel Tharappel	Rosemary Scott	Patricia Baka
Eucharistic Minister	John Ward	Pat Molloy	Angelina Dyche
Tea & Coffee	Teresa McCallum & Mary Fermor	Joyce & Margaret	Paul & Diana Bowen
Stewards	Philip Baxter	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	?????
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
28th January	Paul, Rosemary, Cecilia		

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from **Thursday 18th to Thursday 25th January**. Resources are now available for the 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community (CCN).

[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Churches Together in England \(cte.org.uk\)](http://cte.org.uk)

Given that this Sunday is the Sunday of the Word of God, we can recall the words of the great Biblical Scholar, St Jerome, who asserted that "*Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ*". In marking this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, may our shared faith in Jesus Christ be rooted in a knowledge of Christ through our greater familiarity with the Scriptures, through prayer and through the Sacraments.

PLEASE NOTE - NO MASSES: There will be no weekday Masses or Saturday morning Mass this coming week as I will be away attending a meeting of the provincial superiors of the Spiritans in Europe. The meeting is in Manchester from Monday till Friday. The office will be open as usual. Please pray for us. Fr Arthur.