

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)

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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B (Year of Prayer)

20th/21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Mass & Readings: Sunday Year B. Weekdays – Easter Week 4. Hours: Psalter Week 4

Saturday 20th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Thomas Hynes & Patrick Connelly</i> <i>Bridget Love RIP</i>
Sunday 21st <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>(Vocations Sunday)</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Robert Williams</i> <i>Joseph & Josephine Rothwell McNern RIP</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 22nd <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Tuesday 23rd <i>Solemnity of St George, Martyr, Patron of England</i>	Mass 9:30am Reception of Body into Church 6:00pm	<i>Kathleen Duffy</i> <i>Betty McKinley RIP</i>
Wednesday 24th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am Requiem Mass 11:00am	<i>Betty McKinley RIP</i>
Thursday 25th <i>Feast of St Mark, Evangelist</i>	Mass 9:15am - St Modwen's Catholic Primary School Mass 9:30am	<i>School Community</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 26th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Mass 9:30am	<i>Bro Joseph RIP</i>
Saturday 27^h <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Mass 9:30am Vigil Mass 5:00pm - Tutbury	<i>Kenneth Lancaster RIP</i> <i>Mark Hallam God's Healing</i>
Sunday 28th <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Mass 9:00am Mass 11:00am Mass 6:00pm	<i>Brian Boyd RIP</i> <i>Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Baby Ronan</i> <i>Joseph Kurian 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, 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, Mark Hallam, Cathal Cushnahan, Nigel Weeldon.

MASS ATTENDANCE: For last Sunday 498

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: For last Sunday: £935.77

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT / SECOND COLLECTION:

Development Fund running total: -£4,010.87

Last Sunday Special Collection: **Building and Development Fund:** £408.05

This Sunday Second Collection: **Clergy Training Fund**

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.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: This Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter is Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday. This year marks the 61st anniversary of World Day of Prayer for vocations. The Diocesan vocations office asks all of us to pray for an increase in vocations for the Archdiocese. The second collection in our churches over this weekend, 20th/21st April, is for the Clergy Training Fund, which pays for the formation of future priests and deacons for our Archdiocese.

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 is a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. Resources are available on the home page of the parish website.

HOME VISITATION: Fr Stan and Fr Matthew are available for 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Please note that we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every week on Wednesdays at 10:00am. You are welcome to spend 1 hour with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament before Mass.

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's 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 SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions for 2024 are now due. Thank you to all who have already contacted me and paid. Please put any outstanding subscriptions in an envelope with your name and number (if known) marked for my attention and leave at the presbytery. There are still a few numbers left, if you would like totake on an additional number or join the 200 Club if you are not already a member. Margaret

ASSISTED DYING/ASSISTED SUICIDE: Professor David Albert Jones, Director of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, summarises: It is disappointing that the Committee was not more critical of those from countries that have legalised assisted suicide and who claim to see no evil and hear no evil. There is ample evidence of adverse effects in these countries: people having their lives ended without consent; increases in unassisted suicide; people being refused assisted living but offered 'assisted dying'; people seeking death not because of physical suffering but because they feel a burden to others. However, I am glad that MPs have resisted the pressure to call for a change in the law. There are many problems in end-of-life care but legalising assisted suicide would not solve these problems and changing the law in this way would further endanger many vulnerable people. - A critical response to the recent House of Commons Select Committee Report on Assisted Suicide.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday, 11th May. Would those who want to go please put their names down on the list at the back of Church.

MAY ROSARY PROCESSION: There will be a Rosary procession around Burton Town Centre on Saturday 18th May, after the 9:30am Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to participate. More information is on the poster in the porch, on the parish centre notice board and the parish website, <http://www.maryandmodwen.org.uk>

Next Sunday's Rota – 28th April 2024			
	9:00am Mass	11:00am Mass	6:00pm Mass
Reader	Ann Giblin	Pat Molloy	Paul Bowen
Eucharistic Minister	Gerry Gough	Rosemary Scott	Bill Moloney
Tea & Coffee	Mary Bird & Colette Kirkland	Rosemary Scott & Cecelia Denham	Jomy John & children
Stewards	Mary Ann Imhoagene	Paul Moon & Gary Redfern	?????
Church Cleaning – Week Commencing			
28th April	?????		

2024/2025 GIFT AID ENVELOPES: Thank you to all who signed up to Gift-aid your donations to the Parish. Your new envelopes, which will start on 6th April 2024 are ready for collection from the Parish Office. The envelopes will also be available for collection in the Parish Hall after the 9:00am, 11:00am and 6:00pm Masses on Sunday. Thank you for your generous support and kind donations to the Parish. If you are a UK Taxpayer and have not signed up to Gift-aid your donation to the parish, please do sign up. It does not cost you any extra money. God bless.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL – For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE: An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4th May at 12:00 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Further details are available on the diocesan website for vocations www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass. **Please register your attendance by Sunday 21st April.**

BETTY MCKINLEY RIP: Please pray for the repose of Betty McKinley who died recently. Betty was a longstanding parishioner. Her funeral arrangement is as follows: Reception into Church – Tuesday 23rd April at 6:00pm; Requiem Mass – Wednesday 24th April at 11:00am. May God grant her eternal rest.

MARCELLA (RITA) GLENDON RIP: Please pray for the repose of Marcella (Rita) Glendon from St Christopher Church Tutbury, who died on 12th April 2024 in hospital after a fall in her home. May God grant her eternal rest. Details of her funeral will be communicated when we get them.

CHILDREN/YOUNG READERS: We would like to welcome children and young people to read at Mass. If you would like to, please put down your name on the list at the back of Church. God bless you.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: To celebrate the big Feast of Corpus Christi, we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament around Burton Town Centre on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christon Sunday, 2nd June 2024. The procession will start from the Church at 2:30pm and conclude with Benediction.