



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH Coven, Staffordshire

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The call to humility is at the heart of our readings today. In our first reading the prophet Zephaniah calls God's people to lives of righteousness and humility, while Paul reminds his readers of their lowly origins, and Jesus declares the meek and humble truly blessed.

696 Jesus, where'er thy people meet
238 Come down, O Love divine
602 Blest are the pure in heart
682 In the cross of Christ I glory

The Angelus follows the blessing:

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee:
blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace ...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
**That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.**

A prayer follows and all respond, **Amen.**

NOTICES

Welcome to Saint Paul's. This morning's service can be followed in the green booklets you were given as you came in, with hymns from the red hymn book. A collection will be taken during the second hymn.

Many thanks to all who supported last Sunday's special service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This week at Saint Paul's:

Said Mass, Wednesday, 10.30am (Fr James Walton).
Coffee Pop-in, Saturday, 10.30am.

Note that **Father Paul will be away this week**, attending the annual priests retreat at Walsingham.

Ash Wednesday this year is 18 February Please bring in last year's palm crosses to be burned for this year's ash.

We pray for the sick: Pauline Appleby, Robert Ford, Karin Jones, Iris Ward, Ethan, Megan, Nikki; for the recently departed< Michael Brinkworth, pr; and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dorothy Duggan, Pamela Lathe, Edward Mason, John McBennett, Nancy Noke, Wasyl Lopuszynskij, Derek Davies, Edward Jones, Arthur Lenchbury, Edward Freeman, Dianne Hall, Sylvia Thwaites, Michael Andrews.

Saint Paul's, like any parish of the Church of England, relies on the generosity of those who worship here. Please leave your offering on the plate or donate by bank transfer to: St Paul's Parochial Church Council, Coven, AC 02115540, Sort code 30-99-83. Completing a **Gift Aid declaration** will make your money go even further at no cost to you.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday	Malachi 3.1-4; Hebrews 2.14-18
Presentation of the Lord	Luke 2.22-40
Tuesday	2 Samuel 18.9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19.3
Weekday	Mark 5.21-end
Wednesday	2 Samuel 2.2, 9-17
Weekday	Mark 6.1-6
Thursday	1 Kings 2.1-4, 10-21
Saint Agatha	Mark 6.7-13
Friday	Ecclesiasticus 47.2-11*
The Martyrs of Japan	Mark 6.14-29
Saturday	1 Kings 3.4-13
Weekday	Mark 6.30-34
Next Sunday	Isaiah 58.7-10; 1 Corinthians 2.1-5
Fifth in Ordinary Time	Mathew 6.25-34

* from the Apocrypha