



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH Coven, Staffordshire

A parish of the Diocese of Lichfield under the
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'It was said to those of old; but I say to you ...' As Jesus continues with the Sermon on the Mount he calls his hearers to a higher standard than the Law of Moses. Conventional goodness is not enough; our calling is to true holiness of life.

545 Morning has broken
766 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
383 Lord, thy word abideth
698 King of glory, King of peace

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.

Father Paul is doing double duty this Sunday and next, and will be leaving promptly after Mass to get to Saint Peter's, Wolverhampton, for their 11.15am Eucharist.

This week at Saint Paul's:

Said Mass, Wednesday, 10.30am.
Coffee Pop-in, Saturday, 10.30am.

This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of Lent, and there will be imposition of ashes at the 10.00am service. There will also be a **Lent course** at the Vicarage beginning the following Wednesday - details to follow.

Father Paul's wife Darquise will give a **lunchtime concert** at Saint Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Friday 6 March, at 1.15pm. All welcome.

We pray for the sick: Pauline Appleby, Fr Frank Kirby, Iris Ward, Ethan, Megan, Nikki; for Robert Ford and Maria Grazia Palotta, recently departed; and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William Butler, Jane Lucas, Ethel Moorcroft, Ian Herrington, Garry Mincher, Margaret Plant, Lorna Nichols.

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

Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday Weekday	James 1.1-11 Mark 8.11-13
Tuesday Weekday	James 1.12-18 Mark 8.14-21
Wednesday Ash Wednesday	Joel 2.12-18; 2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2 Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
Thursday Lent weekday	Deuteronomy 30.15-end Luke 9.22-25
Friday Lent weekday	Isaiah 58.1-9 Matthew 9.14-15
Saturday Lent weekday	Isaiah 58.9-end Luke 5.27-32
Next Sunday First Sunday of Lent	Genesis 2.7-9 & 3.1-7; Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11