

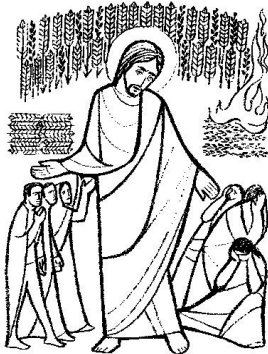


SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH Coven, Staffordshire

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19 July 2026



Why does God permit evil? is the question addressed by Jesus in today's Gospel. The evil, he says, is not of God, but is so closely intertwined with the good that rooting it out may do more harm than leaving it until the final judgement, when God will make his purposes clear.

545 Morning has broken, like the first morning
282 Come, ye thankful people, come
443 Father, we thank thee who hast planted
649 God of mercy, God of grace

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.

This week at Saint Paul's:

Messy Play Bible Stories, Tuesday, 9.30am.
Said Mass, Wednesday, 10.30am.
Coffee pop-in, Saturday, 10.30am.

Tuesday mornings during the school holidays, 9.30am to 11.30am, **Messy Play Bible Stories**, beginning 21 July, and organised by the Mothers Union. Cost £4 per child, proceeds to Saint Paul's. Details from MU members.

Father Paul and Darquise will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary Saturday 22 August, with a Eucharist at Saint Mary's, Tutbury, at 5.00pm, followed by a meal and party in the adjacent Village Hall. Parishioners are warmly welcome, but we need to know numbers by 25 July. (Tutbury is between Uttoxeter and Burton-on-Trent the other side of Staffordshire.)

We pray for the sick: Pauline Appleby, Karen Jones, Fr Frank Kirby, Darquise, Ethan, Gem, Mick, Monica, Nikki; for the recently departed; and for those whose anniversaries occur this week: Derek Powell, Anthony Rowe, Valerie Wheatley, Albert Evans, Shirley Richards, Bertram Smith, Jennifer Reeves, David Quinton.

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. Remember, your giving goes even further at no cost to you if you complete a **Gift Aid declaration**.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday	Micah 6.1-8
Saint Margaret	Matthew 12.38-42
Tuesday	Micah 7.14-20
Weekday	Matthew 12.46-end
Wednesday	Song of Solomon 3.1-4
Saint Mary Magdalene	John 20.1-18
Thursday	Jeremiah 2.1-13
Saint Bridget of Sweden	Matthew 13.10-17
Friday	Jeremiah 3.14-17
Weekday	Matthew 13.18-23
Saturday	2 Corinthians 4.7-15
Saint James the Apostles	Matthew 20.20-28
Next Sunday	1 Kings 3.5-12; Romans 8.28-30
Seventeenth in Ordinary Time	Matthew 13.44-52