



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH Coven, Staffordshire

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26 July 2026



In today's First Reading Solomon asks God for wisdom rather than riches or long life. In the same way Jesus teaches his followers to prize the kingdom above all else, comparing it to hidden treasure or a precious pearl, which the finder gives all he has to possess.

4 New every morning is the love
569 The kingdom of God is justice and joy
775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
644 God is Love: let heav'n adore him

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.

Many thanks to all who supported Linda Plant's 10k run for church funds. The total raised was £320.

Advance notice: Father Paul will be on annual leave at the beginning of September. Consequently the service time on Sundays 6 and 13 September will be 9.30am.

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: Ivor Clay, Edwin Kendall, Olive Davies, Patience Millward, Emily Powell, Barbara Roberts, John Summers.

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday	Jeremiah 13.1-11
Weekday	Matthew 13.31-35
Tuesday	Jeremiah 14.17-end
Weekday	Matthew 13.36-43
Wednesday	1 John 4.7-16
Saints Mary, Martha & Lazarus	Luke 10.38-42
Thursday	Jeremiah 18.1-6
Weekday	Matthew 13.47-53
Friday	Jeremiah 26.1-9
Saint Ignatius of Loyola	Matthew 13.54-end
Saturday	Jeremiah 26.11-24
Saint Alphonsus Ligouri	Matthew 14.1-12
Next Sunday	Isaiah 55.1-3; Romans 8.35-39
Eighteenth in Ordinary Time	Matthew 14.13-21