

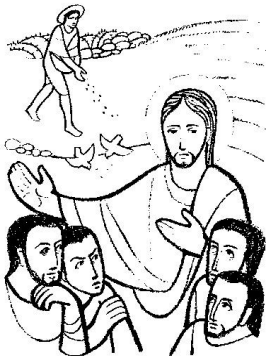


SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH Coven, Staffordshire

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12 July 2026



Today's familiar Gospel addresses the question of why the message of Jesus meets a response in some people but not others. The seed is good but the soil in which it lands is not always right. May Jesus' word flourish in our lives, that we may bear fruit to the glory of his name.

387 Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking
283 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
383 Lord, thy word abideth
379 God has spoken – by his prophets

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:

Said Mass, Wednesday, 10.30am.

Coffee pop-in, Saturday, 10.30am.

PCC at the Vicarage, Thursday, 7.00pm.

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, Nikki; for the recently departed; and for those whose anniversaries occur this week: Geoffrey Dovey, Ralph Palmer, John Howes, Solomon Warrington, Dora Southam.

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

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday	Isaiah 1.11-17
Weekday	Matthew 10.34-11.1
Tuesday	Isaiah 7.1-9
Weekday	Matthew 11.20-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 10.5-16
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Thursday	Isaiah 26.7-19
Weekday	Matthew 11.28-end
Friday	Isaiah 38.1-22
Weekday	Matthew 12.1-8
Saturday	Micah 2.1-5
Weekday	Matthew 12.14-21
Next Sunday	Wisdom 12.13-19; Romans 8.26-27
Sixteenth in Ordinary Time	Matthew 13.24-30