



# Sunday 1 December 2024

## First Sunday of Advent

### Solemn Mass 11.00am

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#### Coming up this week

Monday	<i>Weekday of Advent</i>
2 December	<b>Low Mass at St Bartholomew's, Ann Street 9.30am</b>
Tuesday	<i>St Francis Xavier, priest</i>
3 December	<b>Low Mass at St Bartholomew's, Ann Street 6.00pm</b>
Wednesday	<i>St John Damascene, priest &amp; doctor of the Church</i>
4 December	Church open 11.00am-3.00pm <b>Low Mass 11.30am</b> <b>Advent Course 12 noon</b>
Thursday	<i>Weekday of Advent</i>
5 December	<b>Low Mass at St Bartholomew's, Ann Street 12 noon</b>
Friday	<i>St Nicholas, bishop</i>
6 December	Church open 11.00am-2.00pm <b>Low Mass 11.30am</b>
Saturday	<i>St Ambrose, bishop &amp; doctor of the Church</i>
7 December	Church open 11.00am-3.00pm <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am</b> <b>Low Mass 11.30am</b>
Sunday	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
8 December	<b>Solemn Mass 11.00am</b> <i>Baruch 5:1-9; Ps 125;</i> <i>Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6</i>

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Welcome to **St Paul's Church**, a parish in the Diocese of Chichester and affiliated to The Society under the patronage of St Wilfrid and St Hilda.

Today's Mass setting is *Missa O Quam Gloriosum est* by Victoria.

An Induction Loop is provided here. To use this, please switch your hearing aid to T.

The Mass is offered daily across our parish and our sister parish of St Bartholomew's, Ann Street. Confessions can be heard before or after any Mass. For enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals or any pastoral issue, please make contact with Fr Thomas.

You can make a donation using the collection plate, the box in the narthex, this QR code, our website or the contactless machine. If you are making a cash donation and can gift aid this, please do use a yellow envelope.



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# THE ORDER OF MASS

¶ *Stand when the bell is rung.*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### HYMN: NEH 14

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| <p>THE advent of our God<br/>With eager prayers we greet,<br/>And singing haste upon the road<br/>His glorious gift to meet.</p> <p>2. The everlasting Son<br/>Scorns not the Virgin's womb;<br/>That we from bondage may be won<br/>He bears a bondsman's doom.</p> <p>3. Daughter of Zion, rise<br/>To meet thy lowly King;<br/>Let not thy stubborn heart despise<br/>The peace he comes to bring.</p> | <p>4. On clouds of dazzling light,<br/>As Judge he comes again,<br/>His scattered people to unite<br/>With them in heaven to reign.</p> <p>5. Let evil flee away<br/>Ere that dread hour shall dawn,<br/>Let this old Adam day by day<br/>The new Man all put on.</p> <p>6. Praise to the incarnate Son,<br/>Who comes to set us free,<br/>With Father and with Spirit One,<br/>To all eternity. Amen.</p> |
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*The Entrance Antiphon is sung by the choir.*

### THE GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

*The Priest welcomes the faithful to the Mass, invites them to the Penitential Act and blesses the water.*

*During the sprinkling the Advent Prose is sung with the response:*

**Drop down ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

*The absolution by the Priest follows:*

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,  
and through the celebration of this Eucharist  
make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

*The Gloria in excelsis is omitted on Sundays during Advent.*

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

*All pray in silence and then respond to the prayer:*

**Amen.**

¶ *Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

*At the end of the readings:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: 24

*The response to the Psalm:*

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

### SECOND READING: I Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

¶ *Stand as the Gospel Acclamation begins:*

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A sentence of scripture is sung.*

**Alleluia!**

### THE GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

*Before the Gospel:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

¶ *Sit*

## THE HOMILY

¶ *Stand*

## THE CREED

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father, before all worlds:

God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God.

Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven:

*(we bow our heads for the next two lines:)*

and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into Heaven and sitteth at the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the  
dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and giver of life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,  
who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*The following responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy.      or:      Lord, hear us.  
hear our prayer.                      Lord, graciously hear us.

*We are invited to ask for the prayers of Our Lady:*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

blessed art thou among 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.

*All respond to the concluding prayer:*

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*A collection is taken during the hymn. Other ways of making your offering, including our contactless station at the back of church, are listed at the front of this booklet.*

### HYMN: NEH 16

WAKE, O wake! with tidings thrilling  
The watchmen all the air are filling,  
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!  
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,  
‘The hour has come!’ we hear them saying.  
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes in sight,  
Raise high your torches bright!  
Alleluya!  
The wedding song  
swells long and strong:  
Go forth and join the festal throng.  
Zion hears the watchmen shouting,  
Her heart leaps with joy undoubting,  
She stands and waits with eager eyes;  
See her Friend from heaven descending,  
Adorned with truth and grace unending!  
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.  
Now come, thou precious Crown,  
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son!  
Hosanna!  
Let us prepare  
to follow there,  
Where in thy supper we may share.  
Every soul in thee rejoices;  
From men and angelic voices  
Be glory given to thee alone!  
Now the gates of pearl receive us,  
Thy presence never more shall leave us,  
We stand with Angels round thy throne.  
Earth cannot give below  
The bliss thou dost bestow.  
Alleluya!  
Grant us to raise,  
to length of days,  
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.

*The Priest continues with the Orate Fratres:*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

*To the Prayer over the Offerings all respond:*

**Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Priest praises God for his mighty acts and the Sanctus & Benedictus are then sung:*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

¶ *Kneel.*

*The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer and after the words of consecration:*

The mystery of faith:

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

*At the conclusion of the prayer, all respond:*

**Amen.**

¶ *Stand.*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:  
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,  
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*During the Fraction the Agnus Dei is sung:*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

¶ *Kneel.*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Anyone who is baptised and a communicant member of any church is welcome to receive Communion.  
If you do not receive Communion, you are invited to come up for a blessing – please indicate this by  
carrying this booklet.*

*At the distribution of the Sacrament:*

The Body/Blood of Christ.

**Amen.**

*During Communion the Communion Antiphon is sung.*



¶ *Stand*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*All pray in silence and then respond to the prayer:*

**Amen.**

*Notices are given.*

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*All respond to each bidding, making the sign of the cross as we are blessed:*

**Amen.**

*All respond to the words of the Dismissal:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE ANGELUS

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 among 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...

And the Word was made Flesh.

**And dwelt among us.** Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by his Cross ✠ and Passion may we be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**HYMN: NEH 3**

**COME, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us for ever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

*Our fellowship continues after Mass with refreshments in the Fishermen's Vestry.*

**INTERCESSIONS**

**SICK:** Carol Milton, Marc Valentine

**LONG-TERM SICK:** Ann Jarrold, Sophie Layard, Steve Gregory, Guy Parks, Michele Ansell, Matthew Charlesworth, John Fagan, Joseph Garcia, Sheila Garcia, Yvonne Harman, David Brodie, Barbara Cundell, Rhianna Gibson, Marc Jarrold, Charley Foster

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Barry Lawson

**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:**

- 1 Amy Clara Crowhurst, Edward Francis Wyatt, Elizabeth White, John Payne, Charles Croxton Smith, Edward Thorold Stuart Menteath (Priest)
- 2 Mary Emma Galgani, Matilda Antonia Barker, Elizabeth Unwin Staveley, Kathleen Louis Nicholas, Bertha Webb
- 3 Maria Hammond, Sister Lilian Mary CBVM
- 4 Clara Lawton, Mary Jones, Lord Benjamin Britten CH (Benefactor of St Paul's)
- 5 Fanny Brinton, Algernon Romaine Carpenter, Vincent Caister Major, Henry Frank Paine (sometime Churchwarden of St Paul's)
- 6 Mary Gregory, Doris Julie Lipscombe
- 7 Edward Henry Bentley, John Elton Halliwell (Priest, Second Vicar of St Paul's), Mark Harman, Alice Ida Alston, Evelyn May Lee Cawthorne

*Please give names for intercessions to Fr Thomas (having first obtained consent).  
Names will remain on the lists for one month, unless requested otherwise.*

## INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY:** The people of our parish

**MONDAY:** A holy Advent

**TUESDAY:** Vocations to the priesthood

**WEDNESDAY:** Brighton Deanery

**THURSDAY:** St Bartholomew's School

**FRIDAY:** St Nicholas' Church, Brighton

**SATURDAY:** Bishop Martin

## NOTICES

### **Advent**

Today is the start of Advent and so also the beginning of the Year of Faith in our Diocese. Our Advent Course, which began last week, seeks to help us grow in our faith, focusing on the example of the first Christians. We meet again here at St Paul's after the Mass on Wednesday, with this session repeated on Thursday at St Bart's at 11am. Also, continuing this Saturday at 11am, there is the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Retiring Collection in Advent**

On each Sunday of Advent, so beginning today, we hold a retiring collection for the Christmas flowers.

### **December newsletter & 2025 Calendar**

Hard copies of next month's newsletter are still available from the back of church as are copies of the 2025 Calendar. Please do read through these and make a note of key events in the life of the Church next year.

### **St Paul's Christmas Grand Draw**

Please return draw books to Susan by next Sunday (8 December) at the latest. Gift cards and vouchers are preferred as raffle prizes; do also give these to Susan as soon as possible.

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

We are invited to Solemn Mass at St Barnabas', Hove at 7pm on Monday 9 December in honour of this great feast. Low Mass will be celebrated as normal on this day at St Bart's, beginning at 9.30am.

### **Praying the Holy Rosary**

We gather at St Bart's on 6pm on Monday 16 December to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

### **Sussex Beacon Carol Concert**

We are hosting a carol concert here at St Paul's on Wednesday 18 December, with doors open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. All are welcome.