



Sunday 8 February 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Solemn Mass 11.00am

Coming up this week

Monday 9 February	Feria <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>
Tuesday 10 February	St Scholastica, virgin <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 11 February	Our Lady of Lourdes Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Thursday 12 February	Feria <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon</i>
Friday 13 February	Feria Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Saturday 14 February	SS CYRIL, monk AND METHODIUS, bishop, patrons of Europe Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Sunday 15 February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Solemn Mass 11.00am <i>Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119;</i> <i>1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37</i>

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 'Rosa Mystica'* by Carnevali.

The Mass is offered daily across our parish and our sister parish of St Bartholomew's, Ann Street. Confessions can be heard after any Mass. For enquiries about baptism, marriage or funerals, please contact the Parish Office in the first instance.

We rely on the generosity of those who come here to sustain our life. Please do give so that this may continue to be a place where the love of God is known and shared. All donations are gratefully received.

- You can make a donation using the collection plate during the Mass. If you pay Income Tax, please do fill out a yellow Gift Aid envelope for your donation, which enables us to increase the value of your donation by 25% without costing you anything.
- You can leave a donation in the box in the narthex.
- You can use the contactless machine in the narthex.
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Please do take this booklet away with you to keep up-to-date with all that is happening here. Our fellowship continues after Mass with refreshments served in the Fishermen's Vestry.

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¶ *Before the Mass, we keep a prayerful atmosphere in church. We stand when the bell is rung.*

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

HYMN: NEH 338

- AT the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.
2. At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and Dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.
3. Humbled for a season,
To receive a Name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed;
4. Bore it up triumphant,
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.
5. In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true;
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.
6. Brothers, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With the Father's glory
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

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 and invites us to the Penitential Act.

A brief silence is observed as we call to our mind our need for God's forgiveness, before we say:

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,**

(striking their breast)

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

The absolution follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

¶ *We sit after the opening phrase has been sung.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

¶ *We stand to pray.*

THE COLLECT

We respond to the prayer:

Amen.

¶ *We sit to listen to the Scriptures.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:6-10

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 112

We make the response to the Psalm:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

¶ *We stand to hear Christ speak to us in the Gospel.*

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

¶ *We sit to listen to the Priest expound the Scriptures.*

THE HOMILY

¶ *We stand to profess together the faith of all Christians.*

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 as we recall God becoming man in Christ)

**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

One of the following responses is used as we pray with the whole People of God:

Lord, in your mercy. *or:* Lord, hear us.

hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

We are invited to ask for the prayers of the Saints, most chiefly for those of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

**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.**

We respond to the concluding prayer:

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

A collection is taken during the hymn as the Altar is prepared. Other ways of making your offering, including by using our contactless machine, are listed at the front of this booklet.

HYMN: NEH 390

**JESUS, where'er thy people meet,
There they behold thy mercy seat;
Where'er they seek thee thou art found,
And every place is hallowed ground.**

2. For thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring thee where they come,
And, going, take thee to their home.
3. Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here, to our waiting hearts, proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.
4. Here may we prove the power of prayer,
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heaven before our eyes.
5. Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make a thousand hearts thine own!

The Priest invites us to join with him in offering anew the sacrifice of Christ to the Father:

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.**

We respond to the Prayer over the Offerings:

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 then the Sanctus & Benedictus are 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.

¶ *We kneel as the Priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer, the great prayer of the Church's thanksgiving.*

After the words of consecration, we make the acclamation:

The mystery of faith:

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

We respond to the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer:

Amen.

¶ *We stand to pray as taught by Christ, who is now truly present on the Altar.*

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.

¶ *We kneel as the Priest shows us Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.*

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 receives Holy Communion in their home church may receive Communion here. Please come forward to the Altar rail to receive the Sacrament in one or both kinds. A full Communion is made as soon as we have received the Lord present in the Sacred Host. If receiving from the Chalice, please note that it is not permitted to intinct the Host into the Precious Blood. If you seek a blessing from the Priest, do bring this booklet with you as a sign to him of your intention.

During Communion, the Communion Antiphon is sung.

¶ *We stand to pray with thanksgiving.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We respond to the prayer:

Amen.

Notices may be given.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We respond to each bidding, making the Sign of the Cross as we are blessed:

Amen.

We respond to the words of the Dismissal as we are sent out to be the Body of Christ in the world:

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 391

**KING of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.**

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK:

LONG-TERM SICK: Sophie Layard, Steve Gregory, Matthew Charlesworth, Joseph Garcia, Sheila Garcia, Yvonne Harman, Barbara Cundell, Rhianna Gibson, Marc Jarrold, Carol Milton, Michael Grogan, Rols Ham-Riche, John Cole

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

- 8 Dorothy Nora Siffleet, Ronald George Sims
9 Henry Bishop Hatherly (Priest, formerly on the staff of St Paul's), Harriett Allen, Lucy Jane Diver, Walter Day, Darwin Charles Burton (Priest), David Bell, Katherine Dorcas Razzell, Ernest Robert Allen
10 Harry Hughes, Mabel Barlow, Hallam Fordham, Geoffrey Arundell Chatfield Whatton (Priest)
11 William Henry Carey (Priest, Third Vicar of St Paul's), Charlotte Collins, George White, Charles Morris Nuth
12 John Ashley Gibson, Augusta Perceval Trower, Peter Gregory Smith
13 Emma Snelling, Ellen Ingram Browning, George Henry Shrimpton
14 James Barton, William Pullen (name recorded on War Memorial), Emma Pearce, Elsie Gladys Blencowe, Myrtle Eva Browne

Names for inclusion here and in our prayers at Mass should be sent to the Parish Office.

INTENTIONS AT MASS

SUNDAY: The people of our parish

MONDAY: The sick

TUESDAY: Religious communities

WEDNESDAY: The Shrine at Walsingham

THURSDAY: Local government

FRIDAY: Safe Space

SATURDAY: St Paul's School

NOTICES

Palm crosses

Please do return old palm crosses in order for ash to be made for Ash Wednesday.

Praying the Holy Rosary

We meet at St Bart's at 6pm on Monday 16 February to pray together the Joyful Mysteries.

Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday

Before as well as during the season of Lent, we are encouraged to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The name 'Shrove Tuesday' derives from the tradition of being shriven or absolved by the Lord in this Sacrament. Please do speak with Fr Thomas if you wish to make use of the Sacrament of mercy given to us.

On Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, which this year falls on 18 February, Mass will be celebrated at St Paul's at 11.30am and Solemn Mass at 6.00pm at St Bart's.

Stations of the Cross

This Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at St Bart's at 11.30am and on Saturdays at 11am at St Paul's, beginning at St Bart's on 19 February and at St Paul's on 21 February.

Lent Course

Our study course this Lent, which explores Matthew's Gospel, will run once a week at St Bart's after Mass on Tuesdays, starting on 24 February.

Upcoming concert of polyphony in Lewes

On Friday 20 February at 7.30pm, there will be a performance of Medieval and Renaissance polyphony at St Michael's Church in Lewes. Tickets cost £15 per person. For more information, please visit <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/cherryfairlewes>.

Wagner Group Easter Celebration

Booking has opened for our dinner at Donatello on Pentecost Sunday (24 May), following Evening Prayer and Benediction here at St Paul's, which begins at 6pm on this day. For three courses and service, we are only being charged £18.50 per person. Drinks and bread will be paid for separately on the night. Booking closes on Sunday 12 April. To book a place by then, please let Fr Thomas know and give him your money, preferably by cash.