



Sunday 15 February 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Solemn Mass 11.00am

Coming up this week

Monday	Feria
16 February	<i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>
Tuesday	Feria
17 February	<i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY
18 February	Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am <i>Solemn Mass at St Bartholomew's, 6.00pm</i>
Thursday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
19 February	<i>Stations of the Cross at St Bartholomew's 11.30am</i> <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon</i>
Friday	Friday after Ash Wednesday
20 February	Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Saturday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday
21 February	Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Stations of the Cross 11.00am Mass 11.30am
Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
22 February	Solemn Mass 11.00am <i>Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11</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 *Messe brève in C* by Gounod.

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.
- You can scan the QR code to make your donation:
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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 374

HOW sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his
wounds,
And drives away his fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury, filled
With boundless stores of grace.

4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother,
Friend,
My Prophet, Priest and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought;
But when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy name
Refresh my soul in death.

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.

The Kyrie, eleison follow:

*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: Sirach 15:15-20

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 119

We make the response to the Psalm:

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

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

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

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 line 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 311

WE pray thee, heavenly Father,
To hear us in thy love,
And pour upon thy children
The unction from above;
That so in love abiding,
From all defilement free,
We may in pureness offer
Our Eucharist to thee.

2. All that we have we offer,
For it is all thine own,
AH gifts, by thine appointment,
In bread and cup are shown;
One thing alone we bring not,
The wilfulness of sin.
And all we bring is nothing
Save that which is within.

3. Within the pure oblation,
Beneath the outward sign.
By that his operation,—
The Holy Ghost divine,—
Lies hid the sacred body,
Lies hid the precious blood,
Once slain, now ever glorious,
Of Christ our Lord and God.

4. Wherefore, though all unworthy
To offer sacrifice,
We pray that this our duty
Be pleasing in thine eyes;
For praise, and thanks and worship,
For mercy and for aid,
The catholic oblation
Of Jesus Christ is made.

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 434

**OFT in danger, oft in woe,
Onward, Christians, onward go;
Bear the toil, maintain the strife,
Strengthened with the Bread of Life.**

**2. Onward, Christians, onward go,
Join the war, and face the foe;
Will ye flee in danger's hour?
Know ye not your Captain's power?**

**3. Let your drooping hearts be glad;
March in heavenly armour clad;
Fight, nor think the battle long,
Victory soon shall tune your song.**

**4. Let not sorrow dim your eye,
Soon shall every tear be dry;
Let not fears your course impede,
Great your strength, if great your need.**

**5. Onward then in battle move;
More than conquerors ye shall prove;
Though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go.**

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: John Norbury

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

- 15 Heidee Martin, Charles Godfrey Barton (Priest)
- 16 George Frederick Stanley Gresham (Priest, formerly on the staff of St Paul's), Gerald Henry Stewart Wood, Ellen Armstrong Marshall, Ethel Ann Standen, James Henry Pollard, Ralph Daniels, Cecil Morville Pope, Edward Macartoone Carrapiett, Peter Westrope Wright (Priest)
- 17 Marion Hudson, Arthur Stephen Gunn, Morah Mary Hopkinson, John Stuart Bell (Priest), Gladys Rowland, Frank Sampson (Priest), Yvonne Clark
- 18 Elizabeth Anne Agnew, James Walter Banham, Mollie Edwards
- 19 Gladys Hudson, Henrietta Jane Wildbore, Martin Bartlett, Lilian Mabel Hanington, Ramsay Charles Pickard (Priest, formerly on the staff of St Paul's), Patricia Anne Crosland
- 20 Herbert Payne, Sister Anna Greenhill, Dean Rupert Gauntlett, Miriam Pierpoint, Harry Vowles, Edmund Samuel Brindle, Augusta Graham, Reginald Bridport Bray, Violet Ethel Ellam
- 21 Frederick William Francis

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: Our serving teams

TUESDAY: Vocations to the priesthood

WEDNESDAY: A holy Lent

THURSDAY: Our deanery

FRIDAY: The Society of the Holy Cross

SATURDAY: Street Pastors

NOTICES

Praying the Holy Rosary

We meet tomorrow at 6pm at St Bart's to pray together the Joyful Mysteries. All are welcome.

This week: the beginning of Lent

The name 'Shrove Tuesday' derives from the tradition of being shriven or absolved by the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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 is this Wednesday, 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 Thursday and at St Paul's on Saturday.

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 next week on Tuesday 24 February.

Concert of polyphony

This Friday 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 is open 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.