



# Sunday 22 February 2026 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## Solemn Mass 11.00am

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### Coming up this week

Monday 23 February	St Polycarp, bishop & martyr <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>
Tuesday 24 February	Weekday of Lent <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 25 February	Weekday of Lent Church open 11.00am-2.00pm <b>Mass 11.30am</b>
Thursday 26 February	Weekday of Lent <i>Stations of the Cross at St Bartholomew's 11.30am</i> <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon</i>
Friday 27 February	Weekday of Lent Church open 11.00am-2.00pm <b>Mass 11.30am</b>
Saturday 28 February	Weekday of Lent Church open 11.00am-2.00pm <b>Stations of the Cross 11.00am</b> <b>Mass 11.30am</b>
Sunday 1 March	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>Solemn Mass 11.00am</b>

*Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33;  
2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9*

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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 l' hora passa* by Viadana.

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.

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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 67

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| <p><b>FORTY</b> days and forty nights<br/>Thou wast fasting in the wild;<br/>Forty days and forty nights<br/>Tempted, and yet undefiled.</p> <p>2. Sunbeams scorching all the day,<br/>Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,<br/>Prowling beasts about thy way,<br/>Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.</p> <p>3. Let us thine endurance share,<br/>And awhile from joys abstain,<br/>With thee watching unto prayer,<br/>Strong with thee to suffer pain.</p> | <p>4. And if Satan, vexing sore,<br/>Flesh or spirit should assail,<br/>Thou, his vanquisher before,<br/>Grant we may not faint nor fail.</p> <p>5. So shall we have peace divine:<br/>Holier gladness ours shall be;<br/>Round us too shall angels shine,<br/>Such as ministered to thee.</p> <p>6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,<br/>Ever constant by thy side;<br/>That with thee we may appear<br/>At the eternal Eastertide.</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 and invites us to the Penitential Act.*

*A brief silence is observed as we call to 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.*

*The Gloria is omitted on Sundays during Lent.*

## **THE COLLECT**

*We respond to the prayer:*

**Amen.**

¶ *We sit to listen to the Scriptures.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

*At the end of the readings:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: 51**

*We make the response to the Psalm:*

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

### **SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19**

### **LENT PROSE**

*We make the response after each verse:*

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

¶ *As the Gospel Acclamation begins, we stand to hear Christ speak to us in the Gospel.*

### **THE GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

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 439**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood  
Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against their foe,  
Should strive and should prevail;**

**And that a higher gift than grace  
Should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very Self,  
And Essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! that he who smote  
In Man for man the foe,  
The double agony in Man  
For man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,  
And on the Cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.**

*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 65**

**CHRISTIAN, dost thou see them  
On the holy ground,  
How the troops of Midian  
Prowl and prowl around?  
Christian, up and smite them,  
Counting gain but loss,  
Smite them by the merit  
Of the Holy Cross.**

**2. Christian, dost thou feel them,  
How they work within,  
Striving, tempting, luring,  
Goading into sin?  
Christian, never tremble;  
Never be down-cast;  
Smite them by the virtue  
Of the Lenten fast.**

**3. Christian, dost thou hear them,  
How they speak thee fair?  
'Always fast and vigil?  
Always watch and prayer?'  
Christian, answer boldly:  
'While I breathe I pray:'  
Peace shall follow battle,  
Night shall end in day.**

**4. 'Well I know thy trouble,  
O my servant true;  
Thou art very weary,—  
I was weary, too;  
But that toil shall make thee  
Some day all mine own,—  
And the end of sorrow  
Shall be near my throne.'**

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

**SICK:** Michael Tucker

**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, Ronald Olden

### **ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:**

22 Charles Batchelor, William George Henry Hill

23 Sister Ruth CGS, Alice Rachel Pollard, Thomas Skeffington-Lodge

24 Thomas Cottingham (name recorded on War Memorial), William Frederick Wilson, Harriett Ann Buttress, Walter Palmer, Alice Bunney, Cecil Curwen (Priest)

25 Sister Winifred Mary, Ellen Briggs, George Alfred Steel, Elizabeth Harman

26 Sister Elizabeth Mary, Henry Bartlett, Minnie Hughes, Rowland Taylor (Priest), Stanley Horsey (Priest)

27 Emma Mary Brinton, Alicia Blanche Heron-Maxwell, Francis Jourdain (Priest)

28 Rosa Clarke, Minnie Bridgett, Ellen Gringer, Augusta Sophia Thompson, Ellen Westley, Jeremiah Bunney, Tom Sydney Grave, George King Fane

*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:** Christian unity

**TUESDAY:** Our PCCs

**WEDNESDAY:** Refugees & asylum seekers

**THURSDAY:** Bishop Will

**FRIDAY:** Our diocese

**SATURDAY:** The Wagner Group

## NOTICES

### **Stations of the Cross**

We continue this Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross on Thursday at St Bart's at 11.30am and on Saturday at 11am here at St Paul's. All are welcome.

### **Lent Course**

Our study course this Lent, which explores Matthew's Gospel and runs once a week at St Bart's after Mass on Tuesdays, begins this week.

### **Brighton Half Marathon**

Due to the half marathon taking place in the city next Sunday (1 March), a Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St Bart's at 4pm on Saturday, in order to give us another opportunity to be present at a Mass of Sunday.

### **Friends of St Paul's Quiz Night**

We are looking forward to hosting another quiz night here at St Paul's on Saturday 21 March. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm. Tickets cost £10 a head (or £8 for Friends) and include a jacket potato supper. A bar will be available. Please do book tickets in advance through Mark Gourley ([markg.gourley@gmail.com](mailto:markg.gourley@gmail.com)) and no later than Saturday 14 March.

### **Easter flowers**

Please give any donations towards this year's Easter flowers to Susan Gale.

### **Wagner Group Easter Celebration**

Booking is open for 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, please as soon as possible let Fr Thomas know and give him your money, preferably by cash.