



Sunday 29 March 2026
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Procession & Solemn Mass 11.00am

The week ahead

Monday 30 March	Monday of Holy Week Mass 11.30am <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Tuesday 31 March	Tuesday of Holy Week Mass 11.30am <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 1 April	Wednesday of Holy Week Mass 11.30am <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Thursday 2 April	HOLY (MAUNDY) THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm
Friday 3 April	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD The Solemn Liturgy 12 noon <i>The Solemn Liturgy at St Bartholomew's 3.00pm</i>
Saturday 4 April	<i>Holy Saturday</i> <i>The Easter Vigil at St Bartholomew's 8.00pm</i>
Sunday 5 April	EASTER DAY Solemn Mass 11.00am <i>Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117;</i> <i>Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9</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 O quam gloriosum est* by Victoria.

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 gather in the Fishermen's Vestry. We stand when the clergy and servers enter.*

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The antiphon is sung:

*Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
the king of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

The Priest invites the faithful to participate in the celebration of this day.

We hold up Palm Crosses to be blessed.

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

We respond to the prayer:

Amen.

The Priest sprinkles the Palm Crosses with holy water in silence.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

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.

THE PROCESSION: NEH 509

We gather behind the clergy and servers and follow them into church, as we sing:

- ALL glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*
2. **Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and blessed One.**
 3. **The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.**
 4. **The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.**
 5. **To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.**
 6. **Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.**

The Choir then sings the responsory.

THE COLLECT

We respond to the prayer:

Amen.

¶ *We sit to listen to the Scriptures.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 22

We make the response to the Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

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

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Before the Gospel:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

No response is made to the announcement of the Gospel.

After the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

No response is made to the conclusion of the Gospel.

¶ *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 90

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| <p>O SACRED head, sore wounded,
Defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
With mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
The hosts of heaven adore.</p> | <p>3. I pray thee, Jesus, own me,
Me, Shepherd good, for thine;
Who to thy fold hast won me,
And fed with truth divine.
Me guilty, me refuse not,
Incline thy face to me,
This comfort that I lose not,
On earth to comfort thee.</p> |
| <p>2. Thy beauty, long-desired,
Hath vanished from our sight;
Thy power is all expired,
And quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
Hide not so far thy grace:
Show me, O Love most highest,
The brightness of thy face.</p> | <p>4. In thy most bitter passion
My heart to share doth cry,
With thee for my salvation
Upon the Cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd
To stand thy cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-belovèd,
Yet thank thee for thy death.</p> |
| <p>5. My days are few, O fail not,
With thine immortal power,
To hold me that I quail not
In death's most fearful hour:
That I may fight befriended,
And see in my last strife
To me thine arms extended
Upon the cross of life.</p> | |

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 511

**RIDE on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK: John Goudie

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

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Derek Fraser

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

29 Robert Joyce, Harry Vernon Watts, Violet Grace Ide

30 Seamus Finn

31 Augusta Florence Koe, Thomas Howard Birley (Bishop), Ethel Randell-Hoile

1 Sister Cecil Mary, Elizabeth Cunningham, Louisa Cook, Caroline Cowling, Arthur Halford, Phyllis Grace Walker, Anthony (Tony) David Otterwell (Priest)

2 Edith Herbert, Phoebe Olive Morgan (Benefactress of St Paul's), Kate Turner

3 Martin Stewart Foster

4 William Bainbridge-Reynolds, Selina Best

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: Penitents

TUESDAY: The sick

WEDNESDAY: Our preparations for the Triduum

THURSDAY: Christian unity

FRIDAY: Reconciliation

SATURDAY: Those being baptised & confirmed

NOTICES

Palm Crosses

Please do take away your Palm Cross with you today. Any spare Palm Crosses may be taken away after the Mass to be given to family or friends.

Confession

Holy Week is a traditional time to seek and receive the Lord's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be heard at both of our churches after each Mass this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday or by appointment with Fr Thomas.

Renewal of the Electoral Roll

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 19 April after Mass. This means that it is time to renew the electoral roll. If you are a regular worshipper here but not already on the roll, then please fill in a form from the back of church and return it to Susan Gale by Thursday. Existing members of the roll do not need to do anything.

Holy Week

A reminder of the most important liturgies of the Christian year taking place this week:

Monday-Wednesday	Mass 11.30am at St Paul's Mass 6.00pm at St Bartholomew's
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm at St Paul's
Friday	Good Friday The Solemn Liturgy 12 noon at St Paul's
Saturday	Easter Vigil 8.00pm at St Bartholomew's
Sunday	Easter Day Solemn Mass 11.00am at St Paul's

Washing of Feet on Maundy Thursday

During Mass here at St Paul's on Maundy Thursday, the feet of twelve people will be washed. We need six people from here and six people from St Bart's to volunteer: please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Walk of Witness on Good Friday

Beginning at 10am at the India Gate by the Pavilion Gardens, we are invited to join other Christians this Friday on a walk of witness that ends at St Nicholas' Church around 11am.

Easter flowers

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

Wagner Group Easter Celebration

Booking for our dinner at Donatello on Pentecost Sunday (24 May) closes on Sunday 12 April. For three courses and service, we are being charged £18.50 per person. Drinks are paid for separately. Ahead of the deadline, do let Fr Thomas know if you wish to attend and give him your money, preferably cash.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

After Mass on Sunday 19 April, we hold the Annual Meeting for our parish as we elect Churchwardens, several members of the Parochial Church Council and lay representatives to the Deanery Synod. Nomination forms, the agenda and the minutes of last year's APCM are now available. Please speak with Victor, one of our Churchwardens, if you have any questions about this and do return completed nomination forms to him before the APCM.