



Sunday 8 March 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Solemn Mass 11.00am

Coming up this week

Monday 9 March	Weekday of Lent <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>
Tuesday 10 March	Weekday of Lent <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 11 March	Weekday of Lent Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Thursday 12 March	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 13 March	Weekday of Lent Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Saturday 14 March	Weekday of Lent Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Stations of the Cross 11.00am Mass 11.30am
Sunday 15 March	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE / MOTHERING SUNDAY) Solemn Mass 11.00am <i>1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41</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 Brevissima* by Casciolini.

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 63

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| ALL ye who seek a comfort sure
In trouble and distress,
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,
Or guilt the soul oppress. | 3. Ye hear how kindly he invites;
Ye hear his words so blest –
'All ye that labour come to me,
And I will give you rest.' |
| 2. Jesus, who gave himself for you
Upon the Cross to die,
Opens to you his sacred heart;
O to that heart draw nigh. | 4. O Jesus, joy of saints on high,
Thou hope of sinners here,
Attracted by those loving words
To thee I lift my prayer. |
| 5. Wash thou my wounds in that dear
blood
Which forth from thee doth flow;
New grace, new hope inspire, a new
And better heart bestow. | |

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 are sung.

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: Exodus 17:3-7

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 95

We make the response to the Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice!

‘Harden not your hearts.’

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

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: John 4:5-42

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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 70

- LORD Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me
free,
And make me pure within.
2. Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe oppressed;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.
3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.
4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.
5. Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy
O saviour, be thou nigh.
6. Lord Jesus, think on me,
That when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.

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 449

**SOLDIERS of Christ, arise,
And put your armour on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through his eternal Son;**

**2. Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in his mighty power:
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.**

**3. Stand then in his great might,
With all his strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.**

**4. Leave no unguarded place,
No weakness of the soul:
Take every virtue, every grace,
And fortify the whole.**

5. From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle and fight and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down
And win the well-fought day.

6. That, having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
And stand entire at last.

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: Andrew Cregeen

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

- 8 Sister Sarah Mary, Bertha Ellen, James Noel Evans-Jackson, George Austin
9 Randolph Payne (Priest, formerly on the staff of St Paul's), William James Hyland, Fanny Baldry, Gilbert Luxmore Evans, David Munns, Peter Priest (Priest)
10 Edith Butler, Emily Jane Hartwell, James Arthur Riddles (name recorded on War Memorial), Ernest Meads, Cecil Douglas Horsley (Bishop), Eve Montifiore, Henry Thomas Charles Mesny, Christopher Howarth (Priest)
11 James Horton, John Genn Hooton (Priest)
12 Grace Dorothy Bentley (Benefactress of St Paul's), Catherine McCleod Purdon, Prudence Hermione Milburn
13 Robert Hudson, Agnes Ellen Campbell, Richard Boyce
14 Sarah Jane Beale, Sarah Julia Bentley Buckle, Margaret Gertrude McMurdo, Charles Henry Elliott, Lily Mills, Rodney Stuart Gilbert

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: Musicians

TUESDAY: The Holy Father

WEDNESDAY: Vocations to the priesthood

THURSDAY: Local government

FRIDAY: Safe Space

SATURDAY: St Paul's School

NOTICES

Raffle & Sherry Sunday

This month's raffle takes place after Mass today.

Lent Course

Our study course this Lent, which explores Matthew's Gospel, continues this week. We gather at St Bart's at 6.30pm on Tuesday following the Mass there.

Stations of the Cross

We continue 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.

Friends of St Paul's Quiz Night

Booking for the quiz night here at St Paul's on Saturday 21 March closes this Saturday. Tickets need to be booked by then through Mark Gourley (markg.gourley@gmail.com). A reminder that doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm and tickets cost £10 a head (or £8 for Friends), which includes a jacket potato supper. A bar will be available.

Praying the Holy Rosary

We meet at St Bart's at 6pm on Monday 16 March to pray together the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Upcoming concert

Our very own Sasha, who sings in our choir, will be hosting a concert here at St Paul's at 1pm on Saturday 21 March, with a journey into nineteenth-century French poetry, as set in songs by Fauré, Chausson, Duparc and Hahn. No tickets need to be bought for this, but a donation of £5 per person is suggested that will go towards church funds. Please do make a note of this event and come along if you can.

The Annunciation of the Lord

We are invited to Solemn Mass at St Bart's at 6pm on Wednesday 25 March.

Holy Week

The most important liturgies of the Christian year are listed below:

Sunday 29 March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Procession & Solemn Mass 10.30am at St Bartholomew's Procession & Solemn Mass 11.00am at St Paul's
Monday-Wednesday	Mass 11.30am at St Paul's Mass 6.00pm at St Bartholomew's
Thursday 2 April	Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm at St Paul's
Friday 3 April	Good Friday The Solemn Liturgy 12 noon at St Paul's The Solemn Liturgy 3.00pm at St Bartholomew's
Saturday 4 April	Easter Vigil 8.00pm at St Bartholomew's
Sunday 5 April	Easter Day Solemn Mass 10.30am at St Bartholomew's Solemn Mass 11.00am at St Paul's

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.

Fr Thomas' departure

Following the announcement made last Sunday, Fr Thomas has begun to work with Fr Bill, our Churchwardens and our Parish Administrator on a reallocation of responsibilities ahead of his departure at the end of April. Please continue to pray for those who oversee the life of our community and offer them what support you can. Be assured that all that needs to be done will continue to be done, but now more than ever your fraternal love is sought.