



Sunday 15 March 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(LAETARE / MOTHERING SUNDAY)
Solemn Mass 11.00am

Coming up this week

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| Monday
16 March | Weekday of Lent
<i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i> |
| Tuesday
17 March | ST PATRICK, bishop & patron of Ireland
<i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i> |
| Wednesday
18 March | St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church
Church open 11.00am-2.00pm
Mass 11.30am |
| Thursday
19 March | ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
<i>Stations of the Cross at St Bartholomew's 11.30am</i>
<i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon</i> |
| Friday
20 March | Weekday of Lent
Church open 11.00am-2.00pm
Mass 11.30am |
| Saturday
21 March | Weekday of Lent
Church open 11.00am-2.00pm
Stations of the Cross 11.00am
Mass 11.30am |
| Sunday
22 March | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Solemn Mass 11.00am
<i>Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45</i> |
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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 Brevis in D* by Mozart.

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 77

- THE God of love my Shepherd is,
And he that doth me feed;
While he is mine and I am his,
What can I want or need?**
- 2. He leads me to the tender grass,
Where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently
pass:
In both I have the best.**
- 3. Or if I stray, he doth convert,
And bring my mind in frame,
And all this not for my desert,
But for his holy Name.**
- 4. Yea, in death's shady black abode
Well may I walk, not fear;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
To guide, thy staff to bear.**
- 5. Surely thy sweet and wondrous love
Shall measure all my days;
And as it never shall remove
So neither shall my praise.**

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: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 23

We make the response to the Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

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 9:1-41

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 161

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| <p>For Mary, Mother of the Lord
God's holy name be praised,
Who first the Son of God adored
As on her child she gazed.</p> <p>2. The angel Gabriel brought the word
She should Christ's mother be;
One Lady, handmaid of the Lord,
Made answer willingly.</p> <p>3. The heavenly call she thus obeyed,
And so God's will was done;
The second Eve love's answer made
Which our redemption won.</p> | <p>4. She gave her body for God's shrine,
Her heart to piercing pain,
And knew the cost of love divine
When Jesus Christ was slain.</p> <p>5. Dear Mary, from your lowliness
And home in Galilee,
There comes a joy and holiness
To every family.</p> <p>6. Hail, Mary, you are full of grace,
Above all women blest;
Blest in your Son, whom your
embrace
In birth and death confessed.</p> |
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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 184

**SHALL we not love thee, Mother dear,
Whom Jesus loves so well,
And to his glory year by year
Thy praise and honour tell?**

**2. Thee did he choose from whom to take
True flesh, his flesh to be;
In it to suffer for our sake,
And by it make us free.**

**3. O wondrous depth of love divine,
That he should bend so low;
And, Mary, O what joy was thine
The Saviour's love to know.**

**4. Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
Yet thine the truer bliss,
In every thought and deed and word
To be for ever his.**

**5. Now in the realm of life above
Close to thy Son thou art,
While on thy soul glad streams of love
Flow from his sacred heart.**

**6. Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son,
Praise we thy Mother blest;
Grant when our earthly course is run,
Life with the saints at rest.**

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:

- 15 Sister Helen Mary, Florence Holderness, George Heath Crocket, Nicholas Thorpe
16 James Taylor, Francis Farrell
17 Ernest Henry George Woolner (Priest), Sarah Saunders, Rosemary Taylor, Leonard Duncan Holland, Harold Bell, Rosalind Warren
18 Frederick Bennett (name recorded on War Memorial), Edmund Wainwright Thomson
19 Mary Bilton Crews, Wickliffe John Hunwick, Charles Darwin Burton (Priest)
20 Edmund Francis Mackreath, Gladys Isabel Evans, Helen Cecilia Stirling, Hieda May Rowland, Cornwallis St Aubyn Ratcliffe, Mary Enid Reece, Cedric Robert Sutcliff Eve (Priest)
21 John Hugh Davidson, Richard Cottingham (name recorded on War Memorial), Albert George Hambrook (name recorded on War Memorial), Alice Wigg, Kitty Eve

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: The people of Ireland

WEDNESDAY: Street Pastors

THURSDAY: Parents & guardians

FRIDAY: The Society of the Holy Cross

SATURDAY: Our diocese

NOTICES

Praying the Holy Rosary

We meet at St Bart's at 6pm tomorrow to pray together the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

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.

Veiling in church

Ahead of Passiontide, we will be veiling statues and crucifixes in church after Mass this Saturday. Please do come along to lend a hand if you are available.

Upcoming concert

Sasha, who sings in our choir, will be hosting a concert here at St Paul's at 1pm on Saturday, 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.

Friends of St Paul's Quiz Night

Booking for the quiz night here on Saturday has now closed. For those of you who have booked a ticket, a reminder that doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm. If you have not yet paid for your ticket, do bring the money with you on the night (£10 a head or £8 for Friends).

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 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
Saturday 4 April	Easter Vigil 8.00pm at St Bartholomew's
Sunday 5 April	Easter Day 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.