



Sunday 12 April 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Solemn Mass 11.00am

Coming up this week

Monday 13 April	Weekday of Easter <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>
Tuesday 14 April	Weekday of Easter <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 15 April	Weekday of Easter Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Thursday 16 April	Weekday of Easter <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon</i>
Friday 17 April	Weekday of Easter Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Saturday 18 April	Weekday of Easter Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Sunday 19 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Solemn Mass 11.00am <i>Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16;</i> <i>1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35</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 *Mass of the Angels* by M. McPherson-Pottle.

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.

- 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 105

- CHRIST the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark! The angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high, Alleluya!**
- 2. He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today!
We too sing for joy, and say:
Alleluya!**
- 3. He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the Cross
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry;
Alleluya!**
- 4. He whose path no records tell,
Who descended into hell;
Who the strong man armed hath
bound,
Now in highest heaven is crowned.
Alleluya!**
- 5. Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we too may enter heaven.
Alleluya!**
- 6. Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay
Alleluya!**

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 blesses the water as we recall our baptism.

During the sprinkling the Vidi Aquam is sung:

I beheld water,
**which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, alleluia;
and all they to whom that water came were healed everyone:
and they say, alleluia, alleluia.**

O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious:
and his mercy endureth forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

I beheld water...

The absolution follows:

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
and through the celebration of this Eucharist
make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

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: Acts 2:42-47

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 118

We make the response to the Psalm:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

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

THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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 104

**AT the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King:
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from his piercèd side;
Praise we him whose love divine
Gives the guests his blood for wine,
Gives his Body for the feast,
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.**

**Where the Paschal blood is poured,
Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread!
With sincerity and love
Eat we Manna from above.**

**Mighty victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave,
Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
Heaven's bright gates are open held.**

**Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do thou set free,
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father unto thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
Ever with the Spirit be.**

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

All 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, alleluia, alleluia.

THE REGINA CÆLI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Let us pray.

O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has brought joy to the whole world: grant that, by the help of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN: NEH 117

THE day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear so calm and plain
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen,
Our joy that hath no end.

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:

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

- 12 Frederick William Ryder, Adelaide Dunbar, Jamie Barnes, Evelyn Kennedy-Purvis,
Rupert Llewellyn (Bill) Holmes
- 13 Elizabeth White
- 14 Ethel May Greenwood, Lilian Gertrude Samson
- 15 Charlotte Taubman Illman, Samuel Cook, Daniel Percy Bailey, William Favell
(Priest, Sixth Vicar of St Paul's)
- 16 Harry Price, Francis Stevens, Ellen Gillard
- 17 Gordon Edwards, Kathleen Winifred Nolan, Alvin Thiessen, Norman Henry Smith
- 18 Margaret Hearn, Emily Sinden, Annie Chown, William James Ward

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: Bishop Martin

WEDNESDAY: Our emergency services

THURSDAY: The Holy Father

FRIDAY: The Society of the Holy Cross

SATURDAY: The homeless

NOTICES

Thank you

As the Easter Octave ends today, we would like to restate our thanks to each and all who contributed in any way to our Holy Week and Easter liturgies.

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.

Praying the Holy Rosary

We meet again at 6pm on Monday 20 April at St Bart's to pray together the Glorious Mysteries. All are welcome.

Eastertide Parish Lunch

Taking place on Sunday 26 April after Mass, we are invited to a parish lunch here at church. Forms are available in the Narthex and full payment, preferably cash, will need to be received by Victor or Mark in the Parish Office by Wednesday 22 April. Cost is £15 per head. Wine can be pre-ordered and paid for when you purchase your ticket. Without both forms and payment, we are unable to include you in the number that we give to the caterer.

Wagner Group Easter Celebration

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