



Sunday 26 April 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Solemn Mass 11.00am

Coming up this week

Monday 27 April	Weekday of Easter <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>
Tuesday 28 April	Weekday of Easter <i>No Mass at St Bartholomew's</i>
Wednesday 29 April	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, virgin & doctor of the Church Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Thursday 30 April	St Pius V, pope <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 11am</i>
Friday 1 May	St Joseph the Worker Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Saturday 2 May	St Athanasius, bishop & doctor of the Church Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Sunday 3 May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Solemn Mass 11.00am <i>Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33;</i> <i>1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12</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 brevis in F major* 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.

- 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 119

THE strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung. *Alleluya!*

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. *Alleluya!*

On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain. *Alleluya!*

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. *Alleluya!*

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee. *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 2:14a, 36-41

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 23

We make the response to the Psalm:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

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

THE GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

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 103

**ALLELUYA! Alleluya!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim,
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield:
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.**

Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain and dew and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.

Alleluya! Alleluya!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluya! Alleluya!
To the Triune Majesty.

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.

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 118

THE Lord is risen indeed!	2. The Lord is risen indeed!
Now is his work performed;	Then hell has lost his prey;
Now is the mighty Captive freed,	With him is risen the ransomed seed
And death's strong castle stormed.	To reign in endless day.

3. The Lord is risen indeed!
He lives, to die no more;
He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
Whose curse and shame he bore.

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, Rols Ham-Riche, John Cole

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

- 27 Albert Gibbs (name recorded on War Memorial), Edward Pearce, Cecily Palmer, Florence Steadman, Brian Sidney Tyler (Priest)
- 28 Katherine Sara Halliwell, Edith May Osborne, Mary Iddon, Dorothy Paine
- 29 Annie Mary Dawson, Jenny Sampson
- 30 Ida Stokes, John Collins (name recorded on War Memorial), Charles Tottem (name recorded on War Memorial), Algernon Mainwaring (Priest)
- 1 Frances Harriett Collett, Lucy Dann
- 2 Leonard Pollard

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 diocese

TUESDAY: The strengthening of our faith

WEDNESDAY: Religious communities

THURSDAY: Our ecumenical links

FRIDAY: Our local shops & services

SATURDAY: Theologians

NOTICES

Today: Eastertide Parish Lunch

For those of you who have booked with Victor, we gather for our lunch after Mass today.

Masses on Tuesday and Thursday

Please note that there is no Mass at St Bart's this Tuesday. For those who wish to get to Mass on this day, there should be a celebration at St Martin's, Lewes Road at 12.30pm.

In addition, do note that Mass on Thursday at St Bart's will be celebrated at 11am, as there is a booking of the church from 12 noon.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

We gather on Thursday 14 May at 7pm for Solemn Mass at St Michael's, Victoria Road. Mass will be celebrated at St Bart's as normal on this day at 12 noon.

Volunteers for Church Watching and Cleaning

Volunteers are needed for Church Watching on the days that the Church is open to the public. Please talk to the Churchwardens – Victor and Michael if you are willing to help. Volunteers are also needed to help clean the church on a Wednesday. Please talk to Victor and Michael if you can help.

Fr Thomas' departure

As Fr Thomas prepares to begin his ministry at St Andrew's and St John's in Worthing, do continue to pray for him and for those who will be put into his care when he is licensed this Tuesday by Bishop Will at 7.30pm at St John's, West Worthing. All are welcome to his licensing. There is some on-street parking around the church, but not too much, so do consider getting the train to West Worthing Station, which is a ten-minute walk from the church.

If you wish to be in touch with Fr Thomas in the future, please use this email address: frthomascotterill@gmail.com.

Fr Thomas also wishes to offer a heartfelt word of thanks to everyone who has so kindly and generously offered him their appreciation, prayers and support.

From now on, please do be in touch with Fr Bill about any pastoral matter. All other enquiries should be referred to a Churchwarden or the Parish Office. Contact details can be found on the inside cover of this Mass booklet.

Please do continue to contribute to and pray for the life of this community of faith. Do also pray that a new priest and shepherd will be sent to us, and know that Fr Thomas joins you in praying fervently for this.