



Sunday 5 April 2026 EASTER DAY

Solemn Mass 11.00am

Coming up this week

Monday 6 April	EASTER MONDAY <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>
Tuesday 7 April	EASTER TUESDAY <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 8 April	EASTER WEDNESDAY Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Thursday 9 April	EASTER THURSDAY <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon</i>
Friday 10 April	EASTER FRIDAY Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Saturday 11 April	EASTER SATURDAY Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Sunday 12 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) Solemn Mass 11.00am <i>Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31</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 *Orgelsolomesse, in C 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 110

**JESUS Christ is risen today, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!**

**But the pains that he endured, Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing. 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 10:34a, 37-43

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 118

We make the response to the Psalm:

**This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

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

THE GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

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 line 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, followed by the hymn (NEH 295).

**LET all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
'Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord Most High!'**

¶ *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 120

**THINE be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

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:

- 5 Joseph Griffiths Masten, May Knighton, Michael King
- 6 George Austin, Louise Anne Thompson, Elizabeth Smith
- 7 John Baghot de la Bere (Priest, formerly on the staff of St Paul's), Ada Mary Allen, Michael Derrick King
- 8 William Richard Gill (Priest), Dom Christopher Cunningham OSB
- 9 Emily Oakley,
- 10 Louisa Mary Gibson, Frederick Paget, Muriel Bulkeley
- 11 Laura Gibson, Ernest Sturt, Ellen Hummel, Bernard John Selmes

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: The newly baptised & confirmed

TUESDAY: The departed

WEDNESDAY: Street Pastors

THURSDAY: The sick

FRIDAY: Safe Space

SATURDAY: St Paul's School

NOTICES

Happy Easter!

As we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord on this, the Queen of Feasts, we wish you and yours a blessed and joyful Easter. Fr Thomas offers sincere thanks to all who have contributed to the liturgies of Holy Week and hopes that some well-deserved rest may be had now that we have entered the Great Fifty Days of the Easter Season.

Brighton Marathon

Due to the marathon taking place in the city next Sunday (12 April), a Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St Bart's at 4.30pm on Saturday, in order to give us another opportunity to be present at a Mass of Sunday.

Wagner Group Easter Celebration

Booking for our dinner at Donatello on Pentecost Sunday (24 May) closes next Sunday (12 April). 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.

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.

Parish Lunch

Sunday 26 April: St Paul's Parish lunch at 1pm. Forms (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 we give to the caterer.