



Sunday 10 May 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Solemn Mass 11.00am

Coming up this week

Monday 11 May	Weekday of Easter <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>
Tuesday 12 May	St Pancras, martyr <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Thursday 14 May	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon</i> <i>Solemn Mass at St Michael's 7.00pm</i>
Friday 15 May	Weekday of Easter Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Saturday 16 May	Weekday of Easter Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Sunday 17 May	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Solemn Mass 11.00am <i>Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 27;</i> <i>1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a</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 *Messe Breve* by Gounod.

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 124

- YE choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.
2. How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him, from death's
domains
The long-imprisoned dead.
3. From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where he has gone before.
4. Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all;
Earth, heaven and hell before him
bow
And at his footstool fall.
5. While joyful thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.
6. All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost to thee,
While endless ages run.
Alleluya! Amen.

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. **Amen.**

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 8:5-8, 14-17

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 66

We make the response to the Psalm:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

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

THE GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

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 271

ALLELUYA, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, He is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3. Alleluya, Bread of Angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluya, here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

**4. Alleluya! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, Heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

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 114

Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.

For God, the living God,
Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate:
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.

Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity.

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:

- 10 Henry Aldridge, Roma Harriette Read
- 11 Charles Rowe Sawyer, Annie Henderson, Helen Elizabeth Hooper, George Ford, Mary Ann Standen, Peter Roy Lynn
- 12 Daisy Beauclerc, Gerald Vernon (Bishop), Thomas Parkinson, Joyce Evans
- 13 Mother Katharine Mary, Dom Gregory Dix OSB, John Cosmo de Satge (Priest)
- 14 Fredericka Eleanor Griffiths Masters, John Moss, John Alfred Potter
- 15 Harriett Harman, Alison Bickley
- 16 Isobelle Parsons, Ernest Cramp, Harry Wheeler Humphrey, Jessie May Cowan (sometime Headmistress of St Paul's School), Edward Simpson Besant-Matthews (Priest), William Robinson, Doris Mesny

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 strengthening of our faith

FRIDAY: The Society of the Holy Cross

SATURDAY: The homeless

NOTICES

Raffle & Sherry Sunday

This month's raffle takes place after Mass today.

Brighton Fringe Festival Concerts at St Paul's

As part of the Brighton Fringe Festival, we have some classical concerts taking place here at St Paul's during the first half of May by Matthew Shiel who is a pianist and conductor for the Scottish Meditation Orchestra and artistic director of Fringe Classics. Please refer to the Brighton Fringe website for more information, including about tickets.

Organ Recitals

Also, as part of this year's Brighton Fringe Festival, organ recitals will be taking place every Tuesday of May at St Bart's between 1.10pm and 2pm, starting this week on 5 May. Entrance is free.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

We gather this Thursday, the fortieth day after Easter, at 6pm 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. Do make an effort to be present at Mass on this important day in the Christian calendar.