



**Sunday 24 May 2026**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**Solemn Mass 11.00am**

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**Coming up this week**

Monday 25 May	Mary, Mother of the Church <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>
Tuesday 26 May	St Philip Neri, priest <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 27 May	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, bishop Church open 11.00am-2.00pm <b>Mass 11.30am</b>
Thursday 28 May	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon</i>
Friday 29 May	St Paul VI, pope Church open 11.00am-2.00pm <b>Mass 11.30am</b>
Saturday 30 May	Feria Church open 11.00am-2.00pm <b>Mass 11.30am</b>
Sunday 31 May	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> <b>Solemn Mass 11.00am</b> <i>Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; Psalm Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-14; John 3:16-18</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 in A* by Est.

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.

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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 367

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| <p><b>GRACIOUS Spirit, Holy Ghost,<br/>Taught by thee, we covet most,<br/>Of thy gifts at Pentecost,<br/>Holy, heavenly love.</b></p> <p><b>2. Love is kind, and suffers long,<br/>Love is meek, and thinks no wrong,<br/>Love than death itself more strong;<br/>Therefore give us love.</b></p> <p><b>3. Prophecy will fade away,<br/>Melting in the light of day;<br/>Love will ever with us stay;<br/>Therefore give us love.</b></p> | <p><b>4. Faith will vanish into sight;<br/>Hope be emptied in delight;<br/>Love in heaven will shine more bight;<br/>Therefore give us love.</b></p> <p><b>5. Faith and hope and love we see<br/>Joining hand in hand agree;<br/>But the greatest of the three,<br/>And the best, is love.</b></p> <p><b>6. From the overshadowing<br/>Of thy gold and silver wing<br/>Shed on us, who to thee sing,<br/>Holy, heavenly love.</b></p> |
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*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 2:1-11**

*At the end of the readings:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: 104**

*We make the response to the Psalm:*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

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

## **THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

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 137

COME down, O Love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.  
2. O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*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 342).*

**BREATHE on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.**

**2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.**

**3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with the fire divine.**

**4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die;  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.**

¶ *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 431

**O THOU who camest from above  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.**

**2. There let it for thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return  
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.**

**3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work, and speak, and think for thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up thy gift in me.**

**4. Ready for all thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death thy endless mercies seal,  
And make my sacrifice complete.**

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### SICK:

**LONG-TERM SICK:** Sophie Layard, Steve Gregory, Matthew Charlesworth, Joseph Garcia, Sheila Garcia, Yvonne Harman, Barbara Cundell, Rihanna Gibson, Marc Jarrold, Carol Milton, Rols Ham-Riche, John Cole, John Goudie

### RECENTLY DEPARTED:

### ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

- 25 Caroline Steel, Joan Kirkaldy (Benefactress of St Paul's)  
26 Tom Sinden, Charles Cooke, Emily Payne, Frederick Spring Watts, Arthur Foley  
Winnington Ingram (Bishop), Teresa Curzon, Betty Dunmore  
27 William Heneage Sharp (Priest), Elaine Mary Parsons,  
29 Richard Wood, Charles Kennedy-Purvis, Eueline Sturt, Bernard Siffleet, John  
Netherway Baldry (Priest)  
30 Henry Martin, Harry Johnson, William Henry Hazelgrove

*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 Shrine at Walsingham

**TUESDAY:** Bishop Will

**WEDNESDAY:** The Archbishop of  
Canterbury

**THURSDAY:** Those preparing to be  
ordained

**FRIDAY:** The Holy Father

**SATURDAY:** HM Government

## NOTICES

### **Wagner Group Celebration - Dinner at Donatello**

Reflecting on the pressures of the 'Vacancy', the Benediction scheduled for tonight at 6pm has been cancelled for this year.

Therefore, we shall meet at Donatello at 6.45 for 7pm and begin with Easter Grace.

Any extras ordered including drinks and bread, will include service charge and will need to be paid for separately on the night. Also, the offer we have been given for the menu, does not include service charge, so please bring cash to cover this.

### **Organ Recitals**

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. Entrance is free.

### **Adrian Girvan**

We will dedicate the Mass on Saturday 30 May to Adrian, to mark the first anniversary of the passing of our dear brother, a faithful servant of the Lord in this place and a friend to so many of us.

Refreshments will be served after Mass.