



# Sunday 6 September 2026

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Solemn Mass 11.00am

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#### Coming up this week

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| Monday<br>7 September    | Feria<br><i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>                                                                                                 |
| Tuesday<br>8 September   | THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY<br><i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>                                                               |
| Wednesday<br>9 September | Feria<br>Church open 11.00am-2.00pm<br><b>Mass 11.30am</b>                                                                                      |
| Thursday<br>10 September | Feria<br><i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon</i>                                                                                                |
| Friday<br>11 September   | Feria<br>Church open 11.00am-2.00pm<br><b>Mass 11.30am</b>                                                                                      |
| Saturday<br>12 September | The Most Holy Name of Mary<br>Church open 11.00am-2.00pm<br><b>Mass 11.30am</b>                                                                 |
| Sunday<br>13 September   | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<br><b>Solemn Mass 11.00am</b><br><i>Sirach 27:30-28:7; Psalm 103;<br/>Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35</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 Haydn *Missa Rorate coeli desuper*.

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.
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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 377

**IMMORTAL, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest - to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish - but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

*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, invites them to the Penitential Act and blesses the water as we recall our baptism.*

*During the sprinkling the Asperges me is sung:*

**Thou shalt purge me,  
O Lord, with hyssop and I shall be clean.  
Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Have mercy upon me, O God:

**After thy great goodness.**

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.**

**Thou shalt purge me, O Lord...**

*The absolution by the Priest 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.**

*Lord, have mercy;*

*Christ, have mercy;*

*Lord, have mercy.*

## **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: Ezekiel 33:7-9

*At the end of the readings:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: 95

*We make the response to the Psalm:*

**O that today you would listen to his voice!**

**‘Harden not your hearts.’**

### SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10

¶ *We stand to hear Christ speak to us in the Gospel. The cantor sings and all repeat:*

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

*The cantor sings a verse from scripture. Then all sing:*

**Alleluia**

### THE GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**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 420

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| <p>O JESUS, I have promised<br/>To serve thee to the end;<br/>Be thou for ever near me,<br/>My Master and my Friend;<br/>I shall not fear the battle<br/>If thou art by my side,<br/>Nor wander from the pathway<br/>If thou wilt be my guide.</p> <p>2. O let me hear thee speaking<br/>In accents clear and still,<br/>Above the storms of passion,<br/>The murmurs of self-will;<br/>O speak to reassure me,<br/>To hasten or control;<br/>O speak, and make me listen,<br/>Thou guardian of my soul.</p> | <p>3. O Jesus, thou hast promised<br/>To all who follow thee,<br/>That where thou art in glory<br/>There shall thy servant be;<br/>And, Jesus, I have promised<br/>To serve thee to the end;<br/>O give me grace to follow,<br/>My Master and my Friend.</p> <p>4. O let me see thy footmarks,<br/>And in them plant mine own;<br/>My hope to follow duly<br/>Is in thy strength alone;<br/>O guide me, call me, draw me,<br/>Uphold me to the end;<br/>And then in heaven receive me,<br/>My Saviour and my Friend.</p> |
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*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

*We 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 ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

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. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**Be it unto me according to thy word.** Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh.

**And dwelt among us.** Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by his Cross ☩ and Passion may we be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **HYMN: NEH 453**

**STAND up! — stand up for Jesus!**

**Ye soldiers of the Cross;**

**Lift high his royal banner.**

**It must not suffer loss.**

**From victory unto victory**

**His army he shall lead,**

**Till every foe is vanquished,**

**And Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up!—stand up for Jesus!**

**The trumpet call obey.**

**Forth to the mighty conflict**

**In this his glorious day.**

**Ye that are men now serve him**

**Against unnumbered foes;**

**Let courage rise with danger,**

**And strength to strength oppose.**

Stand up!—stand up for Jesus!  
Stand in his strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you.  
Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armour,  
Each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger,  
Be never wanting there!

Stand up!—stand up for Jesus!  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle,  
The next the victor's song.  
To him that overcometh  
A crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.

#### FOR OUR PRAYERS

**SICK:** Ronaldo Griffioni

**LONG-TERM SICK:** Sophie Layard, Steve Gregory, Matthew Charlesworth, Joseph Garcia, Sheila Garcia, Barbara Cundell, Rihanna Gibson, Marc Jarrold, Carol Milton, Rols Ham-Riche, John Cole, Wendy Spall, Mary Richards-Davies, Meg Knight, Manuel Imbroll, Evan Mizzi, Maria Gilson, Valerie Steadman

#### **RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

#### **ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:**

- 6 Roland Eastwick (Priest)
- 7 Dora Mary Wootton
- 8 Doris Amanda Selmes, William Randell-Hoile
- 9 Anne Goodearl, William Ernest Bell, Audrey Pakenham Gilbert
- 10 Percival John Aste
- 11 Sister Kate Mary, William James Brent (Priest), Samuel George Dodd, Edna Chalmers
- 12 Rowlanda Frances Walbanke Childers

*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 strengthening of our faith

**TUESDAY:** Parents & guardians

**WEDNESDAY:** Our PCCs

**THURSDAY:** Our deanery

**FRIDAY:** Those who are imprisoned

**SATURDAY:** HM Government

## NOTICES

### **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

Next Saturday 12 September, at 12 noon, we are holding a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. If you wish to offer a monetary donation towards this cause, then do give it to Victor or Michael before this day.

### **Raffle & Sherry Sunday**

Next Sunday after Mass, we hold the raffle for the month of September.

### **Polyphony Crawl**

On Saturday 19 September at 11am, here at St Paul's, the BREMF Consort of Voices, directed by James Elias, will be performing a twenty-minute performance of Renaissance polyphony. Entrance is free, so do turn up and enjoy what will be sung. Mass will be celebrated, as normal, at 11.30am after this.

### **Lunchtime Concert in September**

We look forward to welcoming back Elizabeth Baldey and Helen Ridout for a concert here on Saturday 26 September from 12.45pm to 1.35pm.

They will be performing a Programme of Three Seasons. A memory of Spring with Beethoven's F major Sonata. The heat of Summer with Gershwin's 'Summertime', Schubert's 'L'Abeille' and the evocative 'Ladies in Lavender'. The arrival of Autumn with Vivaldi followed by popular favourites to finish with a flourish.

Tickets cost £10 per person – cash or card on the door. Refreshments will be available to purchase before and after the Concert.

### **Friends of St Paul's Annual Dinner**

Forms and full payment for the Friends' Annual Dinner, which takes place in church on Saturday 3 October (6.30pm for 7pm) need to have been received by Mark Gourley by Sunday 20 September. Tickets cost £40 per head. Wine and soft drinks can be purchased on the night, using cash or contactless payments. Without both forms and payment, we are unable to include you in the number we give to the caterer.

### **Advance notice for 2027 Walsingham Pilgrimage**

Dates for next year's pilgrimage are now confirmed: Monday 26 – Thursday 29 July. The completion of a booking form and payment of a £60 deposit is required by 20 September to secure your place. Please see Victor or Susan for a form as soon as possible.