



Sunday 13 September 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Solemn Mass 11.00am

Coming up this week

Monday 14 September	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>
Tuesday 15 September	Our Lady of Sorrows <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 16 September	Ss Cornelius, pope, & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Thursday 17 September	Feria <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon</i>
Friday 18 September	Feria Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Saturday 19 September	St Theodore of Tarsus, bishop Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Sunday 20 September	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Solemn Mass 11.00am <i>Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145;</i> <i>Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16</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 Palestrina *Missa Brevis*.

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 461

THERE'S a wideness in God's mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice
Which is more than liberty.

2. There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given.

3. For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

4. But we make his love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness
With a zeal he will not own.

5. There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.

6. There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.

7. If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

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: Sirach 27:30-28:7

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 103

We make the response to the Psalm:

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9

¶ *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 18:21-35

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 134

1. THE head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords.
And heaven's eternal light;
3. The joy of all who dwell above.
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love.
And grants his name to know.
4. To them the cross, with all its shame.
With all its grace is given:
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.
5. They suffer with their Lord below.
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.
6. The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

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 362

**1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God.
He whose Word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

2. See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

3. Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Sion's children know.

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: Deborah Hewes

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

- 13 Sydney Martin, Maisie Dring
- 14 Agnes Donaldson, Ethel Mary Mitchell, Ryan Nash
- 15 John Bentley, Frank Steel
- 16 Edward Bouverie Pusey (Priest), William Dudley Bernard Clements (Priest, OSB), Muriel Pollard, James Patrick Lloyd
- 17 Sister Fanny Mary, Moretta Dawson, Constance Emily Grave
- 18 Sheila Evans
- 19 Edith Lewer, Michael Hedley Bryant (Priest, formerly on the staff of St Paul's)

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 Society of the Holy Cross
TUESDAY: The sick
WEDNESDAY: Persecuted Christians

THURSDAY: The King
FRIDAY: Street Pastors
SATURDAY: Bishop Will

NOTICES

Raffle & Sherry Sunday

This month's raffle takes place after Mass today.

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.

Evensong at the Chapel Royal

The Chapel Royal at 164 North Street, will be holding Choral Evensong on Sunday 20 September at 6pm. All are welcome.

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.