



Sunday 4 October 2026

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Solemn Mass 11.00am

Coming up this week

Monday 5 October	Feria <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 9.30am</i>
Tuesday 6 October	Feria <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 6.00pm</i>
Wednesday 7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Thursday 8 October	Feria <i>Mass at St Bartholomew's 12 noon</i>
Friday 9 October	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, priest Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Saturday 10 October	Feria Church open 11.00am-2.00pm Mass 11.30am
Sunday 11 October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Solemn Mass 11.00am <i>Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23;</i> <i>Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14</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 *Ahne Messe in C, G*.

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 239

1. LORD of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy.
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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: Isaiah 5:1-7

At the end of the readings:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 80

We make the response to the Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9

¶ *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 21:33-43

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 400

Light of the minds that know him,
May Christ be light to mine!
My sun in risen splendour,
My light of truth divine;
My guide in doubt and darkness,
My true and living way,
My clear light ever shining,
My dawn of heaven's day.

Life of the souls that love him,
May Christ be ours indeed!
The living Bread from heaven
On whom our spirits feed;
Who died for love of sinners
To bear our guilty load,
And make of life's journey
A new Emmaus road.

Strength of the wills that serve him,
May Christ be strength to me,
Who stilled the storm and tempest,
Who calmed the tossing sea;
His Spirit's power to move me,
His will to master mine,
His cross to carry daily
And conquer in his sign.

May it be ours to know him
That we may truly love,
And loving, fully serve him
As serve the saints above;
Till in that home of glory
With fadeless splendour bright,
We serve in perfect freedom
Our strength, our life, our light.

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 393

LEAD us, heavenly Father, lead us	2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;	All our weakness thou dost know;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,	Thou didst tread this earth before us;
For we have no help but thee;	Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Yet possessing every blessing,	Self denying, death defying,
If our God our Father be.	Thou to Calvary didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK: Paul Caruana

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, Ronaldo Griffoni

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

- 4 Marie Pike, Basil Austin
- 5 Rebecca Boniface, James Thomas, Annie Beatrice Lloyd
- 6 Herbert Quinn, Sarah Ellen Mesney, Mary Holmes
- 7 Henry Michell Wagner (Priest, Founder of St Paul's), Frederick William Lloyd
- 8 Mary Ann Esther Jull, Francis Burton
- 9 Rose Gertrude Tompkins, Eileen Niland
- 10 Louise Elizabeth Margaret de la Bere, Mary Ann Wood, Ernest Villers Paget (Priest), Bernard John Wigan (Priest)

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 local government

TUESDAY: The departed

WEDNESDAY: The Shrine at Walsingham

THURSDAY: Our deanery

FRIDAY: Theological Colleges

SATURDAY: HM Government

NOTICES

Harvest Retiring Collection

Today, at the end of Mass, we hold a retiring collection in aid of the work of our food bank here in Brighton, an important cause that we have supported previously.

Christmas Grand Draw

Draw books will be distributed next Sunday 11 October. If you do not receive yours, please speak to Susan.

Raffle & Sherry Sunday

Also, next Sunday, after Mass, we hold the raffle for this month, the proceeds of which go to support church funds.

St Bart's Mass

On Thursday 8th October the 12.00 Mass will be a said Requiem in memory of Bob Tonkiss, a much-loved former member of St Bartholomew's. Bob gave of his talents to the service of the Lord, for which we give grateful thanks.

“May choirs of angels receive him and with Lazarus, may he have eternal rest.”

Our Lady of Walsingham Festival

This year's Diocesan Walsingham Festival will be held here at St Paul's on Saturday 17 October, between 11am and 4pm. This will include Solemn Mass, Lunch, The Holy Rosary, Healing Ministries and Benediction. The Celebrant will be the Bishop of Lewes and the Preacher will be Father Ben Eadon. To book your free place visit –

www.trybooking.com/uk/GVGB or scan the QR code on the poster on the notice board.

Alternatively, please add your name to the paper list available in the Narthex, if you can attend the festival.

Performance at St Paul's

Sponsored by the Friends of St Paul's, on Saturday 24 October, we are hosting a Jazz Concert given by The Full Circle Quartet (doors open at 7pm). Proceeds from this will go towards church funds. Please do speak to Mark Gourley or Jeremy Dutton to purchase a ticket (£10 per person).