

THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL DEPTFORD



The Diocese of Southwark

'anglo-catholic, inclusive, committed to prayer & justice.'

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Welcome to S. Paul's today in church or on Zoom.
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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.

Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor
Organist: Mr William Parkinson



SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Quinquagesima
15th February 2026

THE PARISH MASS

With Holy Baptism
and First Holy Communion
10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector
Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne.
Hymns in NEH (Green book)
Please join in with the Bold Type

¶ THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Stand

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Cf. Psalm 27: 8-9

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Processional Hymn: 271

Alleluia, sing to Jesus (Tune: Hyfrydol)

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.**

The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

Prayers of Penitence

Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate
the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

The Confiteor

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;**
(And, striking their breast, they say)

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**
(Then they continue)

**therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God. Amen.**

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, **¶** pardon
and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and
keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyrie Eleison

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

The Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.
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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings

First Reading from the Old Testament

A reading from the Book of Exodus (24: 12-18)

¶ The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' **¶** So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. **¶** To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' **¶** Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. **¶** The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. **¶** Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. **¶** Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 2

**R. / You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.**

¶ Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

¶ Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed? **R. /**

¶ "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

¶ He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision. **R. /**

¶ Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and his rage fills them with terror.

¶ "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." **R. /**

¶ Let me announce the decree of the LORD:

he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. **R. /**

¶ Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

¶ You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery." **R. /**

¶ And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¶ Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow before him;

¶ Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled.

¶ Happy are they all who take refuge in him! **R. /**

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter (1:16-end)

¶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. **¶** For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' **¶** We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. **¶** So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. **¶** First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, **¶** because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

¶ Alleluia! 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' S. Matthew 17:5 Alleluia! ¶
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
¶ A reading from the **¶** Holy Gospel according to **¶** Matthew (17: 1-9)
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' 8 And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

¶ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Paschal Candle is lit.

*The parents and Godparents come forward with the candidate for baptism,
Sanayah Omolola Isatu Destiny Olaoye,
to the front of the church and stand before the priest.*

INTRODUCTION TO HOLY BAPTISM

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*The candidate for baptism is brought forward by their parents and godparents,
and they stand before the priest.*

The Priest addresses the whole congregation.

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome **this child** and uphold **her** in **her** new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The priest says to the parents and godparents.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives **this child** with joy. Today we are trusting God for **her** growth in faith.

Will you pray for **her**, draw **her** by your example into the community of faith and walk with **her** in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, **this child** begins **her** journey in faith. You speak for **her** today. Will you care for **her**, and help **her** to take **her** place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

The parents and godparents face WEST (towards the main doors).

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
I repent of them.

The parents and godparents face EAST (towards the High Altar).

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*The priest makes the sign ¶ of the cross
on the forehead of the child with the oil of baptism.*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign ¶ of the cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver ¶ you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Procession to the Font

THE PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The priest pours water into the font.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water, you led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom in the promised land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

The priest touches the water with his right hand saying:

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, **She** may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Regenerated in your image, may **she** walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Sisters and brothers, I ask you to profess together with **this candidate**, the Faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Celebrant says,

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

THE BAPTISM

The priest pours water on the candidate's head three times and says,

Sanayah Omolola Isatu Destiny.

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE CLOTHING WITH A WHITE GARMENT

A white shawl is placed around the shoulders of the newly baptised.

You have been clothed with Christ.

As many as are baptised into Christ have put on Christ.



ANointing WITH CHRISM

The priest anoints the newly baptised candidate with the oil of Chrism on her forehead making the Chi-Rho symbol (the first two letters of Christ in Greek), saying,

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

THE GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The priest lights a candle from the Paschal Candle for the newly baptised candidate, and presents the lighted candle to her.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

COMMISSION

The priest addresses the congregation.

Sanayah,

Today God has touched you with his love and given you a place among his people. God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven. In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey. Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus Christ and his kingdom, and grow in friendship with God, in love for all people, including your enemies, by seeking justice and peace, and through the practice of solidarity and serving others, especially the poor and oppressed. You will share and participate within the Body of Christ through word and sacrament. You will seek the unity of the Church, and look forward to the day when Christ shall make all things new.

THE WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Sanayah,

by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we are inheritors together of the kingdom of God.
We welcome you.**

Remain standing

RITE OF ADMISSION TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion Candidates come up into the Sanctuary, and stand in a semi-circle facing Fr Paul.



Father Paul says:

Jael Teresa Akinbiyi

Milcah-Maria Akinbiyi

Emmanuel Osasumwen Okunzuwa

Nissim Oslobughomviem Kariuki Osioh-Felix

Sanayah Omolola Isatu Destiny Olaoye

You are baptised members of the Church.

You began your preparation for your First Holy Communion on the 9th of November 2025.

Are you now ready to be admitted to the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

First Communion Candidates say together:

**I am ready to receive Jesus
in Holy Communion.**

I believe in God,

(making the sign of the Cross)

I will try to live as a good member of the Church.

I will try to follow Jesus.

by loving God and other people.

I will seek first the kingdom of God and its justice.

I will pray the Lord's Prayer every day.

I will try not to hurt anyone.

I will try to be fair to everyone.

I will try to be a peacemaker.

I will turn away from my sins,

and ask God's forgiveness,

**and I will try to forgive others as Christ has
forgiven me.**

I will try to do everything with God's help.

**Please, everyone, help me, and pray for me,
today and every day.**

*Father Paul leads the candidates in saying together
the Lord's Prayer.*

Father Paul says to each candidate, holding their right hand:

N.,

In the Name of the Church

and by the authority committed to me by Jesus Christ,
I admit you to the sacrament of Holy Communion.

They reply:

**Amen. Jesus, I promise to come to you often
in Holy Communion.**

*The candidates are presented with
a Certificate, a Cross, and a copy of the Holy Bible.*

When all the candidates have been admitted, the Candidates turn to face the Congregation, who applaud, and there is a brief opportunity for photographs to be taken of the Candidates.

Prayer of S. Francis of Assisi before the Crucifix of San Damiano

(A copy of this Crucifix has been given to each of the First Holy Communion Candidates)



Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart.
Give me true faith,
certain hope
and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge, Lord,
that I may carry out
Your holy and true command. Amen.

Fr Paul

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ
who ever lives to intercede for us.
The response to, Your name be hallowed: **Your kingdom come.**

First Communicant Jael – Family member / representative

Reveal your kingdom among the nations;
may peace abound and justice flourish.
Your name be hallowed:

First Communicant Milcah-Maria - Family member / representative

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your Church with power from on high.
We pray today especially for our First Holy Communion Candidates,
Your name be hallowed:

First Communicant Emmanuel - Family member / representative

We pray for our Archbishop Sarah,
our Bishop Christopher, and Alastair, his Assistant;
and all the Bishops;
our Parish Priest, Fr Paul,
and all Priests and Deacons, Ordinands, and Religious,
Your name be hallowed:

First Communicant Nissim - Family member / representative

We pray for the Deptford community,
this congregation and for all the holy people of God.
Your name be hallowed:

First Communicant Sanayah – Family member / representative

We pray for the children and young people of this church
who are going to receive their First Holy Communion today.
Your name be hallowed:

Fr Paul leads the remaining prayers:

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak, heal and restore your
creation. By name we remember... Your name be hallowed:

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, and especially for
the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Your name be hallowed:

Let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own personal
intentions. (Pause for silent prayer...) Your name be hallowed:

We pray for the recently departed, especially...
and all whose anniversaries fall at this time especially...

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

¶ May they rest in peace **and rise in glory.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: **Hail Mary...**

S. Joseph of Nazareth, **Pray for us.** S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles
S. Paul the Apostle, our Patron, S. Augustine and S. Monica
S. Benedict and S. Scholastica, S. Francis and S. Clare of Assisi
S. Peter Damian, All you angels and saints

Merciful God **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,**
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Remain standing

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared

The Offertory Hymn: 296

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour (Tune: S^t Helen)

Remain standing

Orate Fratres

Pray my sisters and brothers, 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 Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us
and may it become for those who do your will
the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord. **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.

Here follows the **Preface** in which the celebrant praises God for his mighty acts,
and all respond:

**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.

The celebrant recalls the **Last Supper**, and this acclamation is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:
AMEN.

¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

The celebrant adds:

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you 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 grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom
where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the peace with those immediately around us,
a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.

Agnus Dei

during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten,
placing a small piece in the chalice.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

We ourselves heard God's voice come from heaven, while we were with him on
the holy mountain. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in
a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

2 Peter 1: 18, 19

**Fr Paul communicates the First Holy Communion Candidates
at the High Altar.**

Then everyone else is invited to come and receive the Blessed Sacrament,
or a Blessing, from a Standing Station at the top of the Nave

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies

Amen.

and then receives.

* At home, make an **Act of Spiritual Communion** *

As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.

O Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received, his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled with grace and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

O *Sacrum Convivium, 13th century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)*

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

The Communion Hymns

307: Sweet Sacrament divine (Tune: Divine Mysteries)

&

305: Soul of my Saviour (Tune: Anima Christi)

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



¶ NOTICES & ANY BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

Stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you: **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you: **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace: **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal



The Recessional Hymn

Mine eyes (Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

**I. Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning
Of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.**

Chorus

**Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Our God is marching on!**

2. In the beauty of the lilies

**Christ was born across the sea
With a hidden flame of glory
That transfigures you and me;
As He came to make us holy
So He died to make them free;
His truth is marching on.**

3. He comes in secret majesty

**Disguised in wine and bread;
Thus He comes to every faithful heart
Wherever Mass is said.
He is coming at the last
To judge the living and the dead;
Our God is marching on.**

4. He is coming, He is coming

**To restore and make all whole;
He is coming to His altar
Till He reigns from pole to pole.
Then prepare my heart to meet Him
And be ready, O my soul,
For God is marching on.**

¶ Burial of the Alleluia for Lent until Easter Day

The 'depositio'. Prayer from Mozarabic liturgy of Spain (9th or 10th C.)

Stay with us today, Alleluia,

And tomorrow thou shalt part.

When the morning rises,

Thou shalt go thy way. Alleluia, alleluia.

The mountains and hills shall rejoice, Alleluia,

While they await thy glory.

Thou goest, Alleluia; may thy way be blessed,
Until thou shalt return with joy.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought glad tidings to Mary;
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

**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.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour 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 we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

**∞ PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET AWAY WITH YOU
& MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE CRYPT FOR REFRESHMENTS. ∞**

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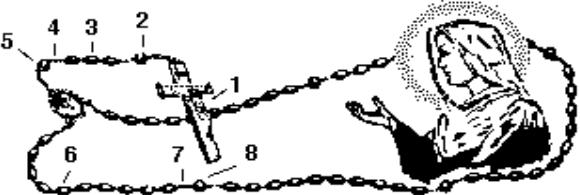
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How to Pray the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary



1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Say the "Our Father."
3. Say three "Hail Mary's."
4. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
5. Announce the **First Mystery**; then say the "Our Father."
6. Say ten "Hail Mary's," while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Say the "Glory be to the Father."
8. Announce the **Second Mystery**; then say the "Our Father." **Repeat 6 & 7 and continue with Third, Fourth & Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.**

The Joyful mysteries are said on **Monday and Saturday, Sundays of Advent and after Epiphany until Lent**

1. The Annunciation.
2. The Visitation.
3. The Nativity.
4. The Presentation.
5. The Finding in the Temple.

The Sorrowful on **Tuesday and Friday, Sundays in Lent**

1. The Agony in the Garden.
2. The Scourging at the Pillar.
3. The Crowning with Thorns.
4. The Carrying of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.

The Glorious on **Wednesday and Sundays after Easter until Advent**

1. The Resurrection.
2. The Ascension.
3. The Coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin.
5. The Coronation of the BVM.

The Luminous on **Thursday, (Suggested by Pope John Paul II)**

1. The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River.
2. Christ's Self-Manifestation at the Wedding Feast at Cana.
3. Christ's Proclamation of the Kingdom of God with His Call to Conversion.
4. Christ's Transfiguration.
5. Christ's Institution of the Eucharist.

After the Rosary

Salve Regina

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you do we cry, the banished children of Eve;
to you do we send up our sighs,
lamenting and weeping in this vale of tears.
Therefore, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy turn toward us;
and Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb
to us, after this exile, reveal
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

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

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection,
has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life,
grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries
of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise,
through the same Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

THE KALENDAR
MASS & Other Service Times in church
Week Before / LENT begins – 15th to 21st February
DEL Yr 2, Week 6

SUN, 15th, MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am, EP 5pm**
MON, 16th, Feria, No Public Liturgies
TUES, 17th, Shrove Tuesday, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
ASH WEDNESDAY, 18th **SEASON OF LENT BEGINS**
Choral Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 7.30pm
THURS, 19th, Thursday after Ash Wednesday, EP 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm
FRI, 20th, Friday after Ash Wednesday, EP 6pm
SAT, 21st, Saturday after Ash Wednesday, S. Peter Damian, **Mass 10.00am, EP 6pm**

DAILY OFFICE: MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer

22nd FEBRUARY 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - QUADRAGESIMA

MORNING PRAYER at 9am

PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 5pm

THE NOTICES



ASH WEDNESDAY
18th FEBRUARY

marks the beginning of Lent.

7.30pm: SOLEMN CHORAL MASS
WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested in
HOLY BAPTISM &/or in **HOLY CONFIRMATION**



Ω. S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

Thursday, 19th February, 8.30-10pm on Zoom.
Our current book is '**Transcendence for Beginners'**
by **Clare Carlise** and this week, we will discuss
the final section of the book, Chapters 5 & 6
All welcome. Info & login details on Parish website
& the Rector's Weekly Email.

CHURCH CLEANING every Saturday
after Mass/MP until 12.30pm.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

'The Lord loves a cheerful giver.'

The Church, based upon biblical teaching, asks every Christian to give a **Tithe**, 10% of their time, talents & money to God's work, and recommends that members contribute 5% of their income to their church. **E.g. If you earn:**
£5000 a year or, £96 a week = Give £5 a week to S. Paul's.
£10000 a year, £192 a week = £10 a week. £20000 a year, £385 a week = £20 a week.
£25000 a year, £480 a week = £25 a week. £30000 a year, £577 a week = £30 a week.
Over the year our costs run to almost £1,000 a week. We receive no external subsidies, and all monies must be raised from the parishioners, through lettings, or voluntary donations. **Thank you** for all financial contributions which help to pay for: - the: Utility bills of the church, (gas, electricity, water) - Costs of maintaining the worship, (e.g. candles, wine, wafers, incense) - Maintenance, cleaning, & repair of our Grade 1 Listed church, (substantial costs) - Office costs (e.g. postage, printing, paper) - Monthly Diocesan Parish Share to the Diocese, (80p out of every £1 we give to the Diocese goes towards clergy stipends).

We ask everyone, who can, to please give via Direct Debit, Standing Order, or, via the Weekly Envelope Scheme.

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