

THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL DEPTFORD



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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



Churchwardens: Ms Lavern Ford & Mr Andrew Taylor
Organist: Mr Ian Bhullar

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER

Sunday of Divine Mercy

12th APRIL 2026

THE PARISH MASS

WITH HOLY BAPTISM

SUNG

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

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Cf. 1 Peter 2: 2

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

The Processional Hymn: 375

I danced in the morning (Tune: Lord of the Dance)

✠ 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.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

Rite for the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

replaces the Penitential Act

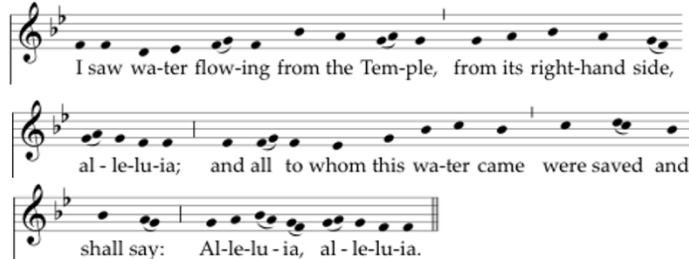
Lord our God, in your mercy be present to your people's prayers, and, for us who recall the wondrous work of our creation and the still greater work of our redemption, graciously bless ✠ this water.

For you created water to make the fields fruitful and to refresh our bodies. You also made water the instrument of your mercy: for through water you freed your people from slavery and quenched their thirst in the desert; through water the Prophets proclaimed the new covenant you were to enter upon with the human race; and last of all, through water, which Christ made holy in the Jordan, you have renewed our corrupted nature in the bath of regeneration.

Therefore, may this water be for us a memorial of the Baptism we have received, and grant that we may share in the gladness of our brothers and sisters who during Eastertide are receiving their Baptism. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Afterward taking the aspergillum, the priest sprinkles himself then the people, moving through the church, whilst we sing the **Vidi Aquam**.

Antiphon



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 God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings.

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2: 14a, 22-32)

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴ Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, ²² 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." ²⁹ Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

R. / O Lord, you are my portion and my cup.

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
² All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people. **R. /**
- ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
⁴ Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **R. /**
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **R. /**
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **R. /**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R. /**

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the First Letter of Peter (1: 3-9)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

♪ **Alleluia!** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe! *S. John 20: 29*

Alleluia! ♪

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

✠ A reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ John (20: 19-31)
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

The Homily

The candidate for baptism, Lily Daisy Church-Pratt, comes forward with her sponsor.

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 priest addresses the candidate.

Lily,

Do you desire to be baptised?

That is my desire.

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 candidate*, and uphold *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The priest addresses the candidate.

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 candidate faces 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 candidate faces 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 EPHPHATHA RITE

(An Aramaic word used by Jesus in the Gospel of S. Mark 7: 34)

The priest, using his right thumb, touches the ears and the lips of the candidate and says:

'Ephphatha', that is 'be opened', that you may profess the faith you hear, to the praise and glory of God.

THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The priest makes the sign ✠ of the cross on the forehead of the candidate 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 Litany of the Saints

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

Holy **M**ary, Mother of God, **pray for us.**

Ss. Michael, **G**abriel and **R**aphael

All you holy **a**ngels and **a**rchangels

S. John the Baptist, **S.** Joseph

All you holy **p**atriarchs, **m**atriarchs and **p**rophets

S. Mary Magdalene

S. Peter and **S.** Paul

S. Andrew

S. James

S. John

All you holy **a**postles and **e**vangelists

S. Stephen

Ss. Perpetua and **F**elicity

All you holy **m**artyrs

S. Augustine & **S.** Monica

S. Benedict and **S.** Scholastica

S. Francis and **S.** Clare

All you holy **m**en and **w**omen

Lord, be merciful. **Lord, save your people.**

From all evil,

From everlasting death,

By your holy incarnation,

By your death and rising to new life,

By your gift of the Holy Spirit,

Be merciful to us sinners. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give new life to these chosen ones by the grace of baptism,

Jesus, Son of the living God,

Christ, hear us,

Christ, hear us.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer,

Lord, Jesus, hear our prayer.

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.**

Priest 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,

Lily,

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.

Lily,

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:

Lily,

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Remain standing

Celebrant

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father saying:
in Christ our Lord.

Intercessor 1

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious
and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Father:

Intercessor 2

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the
good news of Easter, let us pray to the Father:

Intercessor 3

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian
love, let us pray to the Father:

Intercessor 4

That he may provide for those who lack food, work,
or shelter, let us pray to the Father:

Intercessor 5

That by his power violence, oppression and poverty may cease
through all the world, let us pray to the Father:

Intercessor 6

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick,
the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them,
especially (*Fr Paul reads the names...*) let us pray to the Father:

Intercessor 7

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
let us pray to the Father:

Fr Paul

For all who have died recently *especially...*
and those 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.**

*The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions,
and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.*

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

S. Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles, **Pray for us.**
S. Joseph of Nazareth, **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. Faustina Kowalska, **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: 103

Alleluia, Alleluia (Tune: Lux Eoi)

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

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people
and those you have brought to new birth,
that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,
they may attain unending happiness.
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

Rejoicing in God's new creation,

let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Alleluia! The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. Alleluia!

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

Jesus said to Thomas,

'Put your finger here and see my hands.

Reach out your hand and put it in my side.

Do not doubt but believe.'

Cf. S. John 20: 27

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. (x10)

THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

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

The Communion Hymn: 124

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Tune: St Fulbert)

No Kneeling during Eastertide in order to commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord.

"Since there are some who kneel on Sunday and during the season of Pentecost, this holy synod decrees that, so that the same observances may be maintained in every diocese, one should offer one's prayers to the Lord standing."

First Ecumenical Council of Nicea 325. Canon 20



The Divine Mercy Message & Devotion

to Jesus is based on the writings of **S. Faustina Kowalska** (1905-1938) a Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you. **Jesus I trust in you.** The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that

His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

How to Recite the Chaplet

The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

2. Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life

gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You! (x3)

3. Our Father ... deliver us from evil, Amen. **4. Hail Mary** ... Amen.

5. The Apostle's Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and 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 into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (x3) Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Closing Prayer Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit us to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand.

Postcommunion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



NOTICES & ANY BANS OF MARRIAGE.

Stand.

The Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, alleluia!

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

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

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

The Dismissal

I-te, missa est, alle-lú-ia, alle- lú- ia. R. De-o grá-ti-as,
alle-lú-ia, alle- lú- ia.

The Recessional Hymn: 120

Thine be the glory (Tune: Maccabaeus)

Regina Caeli

**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 hath risen indeed, alleluia.

*The Bell is rung 33 times,
once for each year of the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world
through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary,
his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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THE KALENDAR

2nd WEEK of EASTER: 12th to 18th APRIL 2026

MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 12th, MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am, EP 5pm**

No LOW MASSES this week.
Normal schedule returns from 26th April

WEDS, 15th, of Eastertide, **Evening Prayer at 6.30pm**

SAT, 18th, of Eastertide, **Morning Prayer at 10.00am**
Evening Prayer at 6.00pm

19th APRIL 2026

3rd SUNDAY of Easter

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

PARISH MASS SUNG at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Charlie Bell
Associate-Vicar of S. John the Divine, Kennington

EVENING PRAYER at 5pm

THE NOTICES

Annual Vestry & APCM, Sunday, 24th May

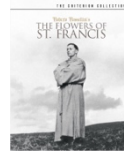
Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested in
HOLY BAPTISM &/or in HOLY CONFIRMATION

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

Thursday, 7th May 8.30- 10pm on Zoom.

When we will watch and discuss the film,
'The Flowers of Saint Francis' (1950)
Directed by Roberto Rossellini.

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.'

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£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).

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