

Church Notices

Sunday School

Come and join us next Sunday 10th May for Sunday School in the Youth Hall

First Communion

First Communion course will run on Tuesday at 3.30pm on the following dates: 5th, 12th & 19th May. Rehearsal on 30th May and First communion at the 10am service on 31st May.

Please contact the office if your child would like to attend.

Young pilgrims course for 12–18-year-olds

The Young pilgrims' course will run on the following dates: 20th & 27th June and 4th & 18th July.

These will be held on Saturdays at midday until 1.30pm at the Rectory.

If you are interested, please let Fr Paul or the office know.

Adult Baptism Course

This will be held on Thursday evenings on the following dates 11, 18, 25 June & 2nd July from 7pm until 8.30pm in the Rectory.

If you are interested in attending this, please let Fr Paul or the office know.

Relax into Prayer

Monday May 11th 7.45pm in church
Queries to Denise on 01322527372



**Sunday 3rd May 2026
Easter 5**

Our common values are:

***Openness, Compassion, Love, Tolerance & Growth
We are a dog friendly church.***

8.00am Low Mass & Presentation

Celebrant: Fr James Butler

Presentation: Lisa Britto – Christian Aid

10.00am Parish Mass & Presentation

Celebrant: Fr Paul Prentice

Presentation: Lisa Britto – Christian Aid

Hymns: 216, 212, 213 & 222

12.00pm Holy Baptism – Sydney, Ivy & Luke



Please let the churchwardens know when you arrive if you are reading on Sunday.

If you would like to donate via our tap and go rather than the collection plate, please use the tap and go machine at the back of church or use the QR code

Thank you for your support.

The church will be open as follows from Monday 4th May:

Monday: CHURCH CLOSED

Wednesday: 9.30am Low Mass

Friday: 9.15am Low Mass

Saturday: 10.00am Healing Service

Sunday: 8.00am Low Mass & Homily

10.00am Parish Mass & Sermon

12.00pm Holy Baptism

Parish Giving details.

To set up a direct debit for regular giving to St Paulinus Church choose website www.parishgiving.org.uk
Click on Give and from drop down menu Find Your Parish
Search by town -Crayford and parish name St Paulinus
Click on Give Now
Options for regular giving or a one-off gift will appear or please telephone PGS on 0333 002 1271

FIRST READING Acts 7.55–60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Standing before the high priest and the council,
55 Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit,
gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God
and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.
56 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened
and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!'
57 But they covered their ears,
and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.
58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to
stone him;
and the witnesses laid their coats
at the feet of a young man named Saul.
59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed,
'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.'
60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice,
'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.'
When he had said this, he died.

PSALM 31.1–5, 15–16

**R Let your face shine on your servants
[and we shall be saved].**

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
2 Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me. **R**
3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **R**
4 Take me out of the net
that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.
5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth. **R**
15 My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2.2–10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.
2 Like newborn infants,
long for the pure, spiritual milk,
so that by it you may grow into salvation –
3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
4 Come to him, a living stone,
though rejected by mortals
yet chosen and precious in God's sight.
5 Like living stones,
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,
to be a holy priesthood,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.
6 For it stands in scripture:
'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'
7 To you then who believe, he is precious;
but for those who do not believe,
'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,' and
8 'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall.'
They stumble because they disobey the word,
as they were destined to do.
9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
in order that you may proclaim
the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.
10 Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL John 14.1–14

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

1 'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me.
2 In my Father's house there are many dwelling-
places.
If it were not so, would I have told you
that I go to prepare a place for you?
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
so that where I am, there you may be also.
4 And you know the way to the place where I am
going.'
5 Thomas said to him,
'Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?'
6 Jesus said to him,
'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
7 If you know me, you will know my Father also.
From now on you do know him and have seen him.'
8 Philip said to him,
'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'
9 Jesus said to him,
'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,
and you still do not know me?
Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.
How can you say, "Show us the Father"?'
10 Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own;
but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is
in me;
but if you do not,
then believe me because of the works themselves.
12 Very truly, I tell you,
the one who believes in me
will also do the works that I do and, in fact,
will do greater works than these,
because I am going to the Father.
13 I will do whatever you ask in my name,
so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
14 If in my name you ask me for anything,
I will do it.'