

THE PARISHES OF S MARY THE VIRGIN, SUNDON & S SAVIOUR, LUTON. 897/428

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20TH 2020 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Clavis David)

DAILY MASS – LIVE STREAMED – ST MARY THE VIRGIN SUNDON FACEBOOK PAGE

Sun: Gaudate	9:15am SOLEMN MASS	S MARY'S	PRO POPULO
	11:15am SOLEMN MASS	S SAVIOUR'S	PRO POPULO
Mon: O Oriens	12 noon: Low Mass	S Mary's	Advent Joy
Tue: O Rex Gentium	11:15am: Low Mass	S Mary's	Local Children
Wed: O Emmanuel	10:00am Low Mass	S Mary's	Those working to vaccine

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 2020

THURS	CHRISTMASS EVE			
	6:00PM	SOLEMN MASS OF THE VIGIL	S SAVIOUR'S	PRO
	11:30PM	SOLEMN MASS OF MIDNIGHT	S MARY'S	POPULO
FRI	CHRISTMASS DAY			
SAT	S STEPHEN'S DAY			
SUN	THE HOLY FAMILY	SOLEMN MASS 9:15	S MARY'S	PRO
		SOLEMN MASS 11:15	S SAVIOUR'S	POPULO

This week at S Mary's and S Saviour's.

Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's. Luton and the surrounding areas of Beds Herts and Bucks are now in Tier 3. Please continue to observe hand sanitising, social distancing and face masking. Hopefully once the vaccine is up and running we will see some semblance of a return to normality, but for the time being restrictions continue. Please have your vaccination when it is offered!

Liturgical practicalities: unfortunately, we are still not able to sing the Mass Setting (or hymns) so Fr Yenda will simply sing the Ordinary of the Mass as per custom. Holy Communion will be distributed in one Kind, socially distanced, at the chancel screen with the use of tongs or tweezers. Nothing is said.

The Mass sheets are copies of the Mass Card supplied by the Additional Curates Society. The ACS fund towards curates in urban priority areas. They include all the new responses – “**And with YOUR spirit**” for example. The Sursum Corda responses concluding with “**it is right and just**” make a clear link to the opening of the Preface “it is truly right and just...” I hope the professional printing is easier to read! Standing, sitting, kneeling has also been written in for convenience!

Gift Aid Envelopes: are available – they are from a previous year so the date is wrong! Please pick up your supply of envelopes for the coming year.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.*

COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan: "Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you."

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 88

RESPONSE: *I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.*

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**
2. "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages." **R.**
3. He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the handmaid of the Lord;
let what you have said be done to me.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, "Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you." She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?" "The Holy Spirit will come upon you" the angel answered "and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God." "I am the handmaid of the Lord," said Mary "let what you have said be done to me." And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

