

THE PARISHES OF S MARY THE VIRGIN, SUNDON & S SAVIOUR, LUTON. 913/444

SUNDAY April 11th 2021 – QUASIMODO SUNDAY/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

9:15AM		SOLEMN MASS		S MARY'S		PRO POPULO	
11:15AM		SOLEMN MASS		S SAVIOUR'S		PRO POPULO	
Mon	Of Requiem	10:00am	Requiem Mass	S Mary's	RIP. HRH Prince Philip		
Tue	S Martin i	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Local Schools		
Wed	Feria	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	The Sick		
Thu	Of Requiem	12 noon	Requiem Mass	S Mary's	RIP: John Belither, Priest		
Fri	Feria		No Mass				
Sat	Feria	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Those affected by Covid 19		

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

Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's - Lockdown continues:

We continue to be in a national lockdown, and so we welcome both those who are here in person and those who are worshipping at home on line. Please continue to observe the necessary precautions – sanitise hands on entry and exit, observe social distancing, and all those who are not directly involved in the liturgy need to observe the wearing of face masks.

The congregation are still not permitted to sing:

So Fr Yenda will continue to sing the Ordinary of the Mass, Laurence making the sung responses, the congregation making responses quietly to themselves.

On line Masses

All masses, both on Sundays and daily in the week are live streamed on St Mary the Virgin Sundon facebook page – this is for both parishes and for anyone who would like to join us. Those who wish to attend Mass in person are also welcome to do so.

FR JOHN BELITHER, R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that we learned of Fr John's recent death. Fr John was vicar of Holy Cross Church, Marsh Farm from 1991 – 2006. He was an immensely gentle, caring and devoted priest, and his passing will be of great sadness to the people of his former parish. We keep his wife, Pat and the family in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Fr John will be received into Holy Cross Church on Thursday evening, and his funeral requiem will be on Friday. Sadly owing to Covid numbers for his funeral at Holy Cross will be limited, therefore **there will be a Solemn Requiem for Fr John at S Mary's at 12 noon on**

Thursday. Jesu mercy. Mary pray.

Friday: there will be no Mass at S Mary's on Friday as Fr Yenda will be concelebrating at the funeral requiem of Fr John Belither at Holy Cross.

RIP HRH THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

It will have come as a great sadness to all of us to have heard that Prince Philip died last week. This will be a time of enormous sorrow for Our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and we hold her very much in our prayers at this time. **A Requiem Mass will be said for Prince Philip at 10am on Monday.** Jesu Mercy. Mary Pray.

The Jab.

Congratulations those who've had it – if you're still waiting, do take it when offered! Please!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

Or

*Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.*

COLLECT

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,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 117

RESPONSE: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.*

Or *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end."
Let the sons of Aaron say:
"His love has no end."
Let those who fear the Lord say:
"His love has no end." **R.**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "Peace be with you," and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

"Peace be with you.

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you."

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained."

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord", he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here: look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him:

"You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people
(and of 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.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**