

THE PARISHES OF S MARY THE VIRGIN, SUNDON & S SAVIOUR, LUTON. 928/459

SUNDAY July 25th 2021 – xvii per annum

9:15AM	SOLEMN MASS	S MARY'S	PRO POPULO
11:15AM	SOLEMN MASS	S SAVIOUR'S	PRO POPULO

Daily Mass Times:

Mon	Ss Anne & Joachim	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Grandparents
Tue	Feria	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Home Communicants
Wed	Of Requiem	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	RIP Mary Webber
Thu	S Martha	-	No Mass		
Fri	S Peter Chrysologus	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Holiday Travellers
Sat	S Ignatius Loyola	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Victims of Floods

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

Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's - Lockdown eases – to a point: this week we see an ease in restrictions, but I hope people will continue to take practices make them feel safe and at ease. If you wish to wear your mask that is still encouraged where practical. The ease in restrictions doesn't invite us to go too mad: most of us are now fully vaccinated which is superb, but it's still best to be as safe as possible.

Congregational singing returns!! (at least as I write!): Today we are able to sing for the first time in a year and a half. Please follow the mass setting sheet, and hymns are as usual on the board. I hope we will enjoy the return to singing. Most of us are up to date with our vaccines, but those who are happier wearing masks are still encouraged to do so: although it might be best to remove them for singing!

Holy Communion: We are at the moment recommended to receive Holy Communion into the hands. That means that you must prepare to do so by moving the mask (if you are wearing one) before you take the Host, so that you can receive it straight away. It should also be into your hands, and not be placed onto gloves of any sort. Neither the Priest nor the Communicant say anything. I hope that we shall soon reach the stage when these rules can be relaxed and we can return to a more reverent custom.

On line Masses: Mass will be live streamed daily this week from S Mary's and I also hope people will come in person. When restrictions eventually come to an end, the Sunday Mass will need to be in person, but weekdays will still be live-streamed for the time being; Please come to Mass on Sundays at least in person if you possibly can!

Additional Masses 1st Sunday of each month: As from August 1st there will be an additional Mass on the first Sunday of each month. I am aware that there are a number of people who do now struggle with the 9:15 morning slot at S Mary's. Therefore there will be an additional Mass at 4pm on the 1st Sunday of each month, which when possible will be a High Mass in the Extraordinary Form.

The assumption – S Mary's Patronal: The Assumption will be celebrated on **SATURDAY**

AUGUST 14TH AT 12 NOON. There will be a small choir to sing a choral mass setting which will be advertised soon; I don't yet know what we can do about refreshments but I hope we can offer some light refreshment this year.

In your prayers please remember: those affected by the floods recently – especially those in London, and parts of The Netherlands, Germany and Belgium. Also please remember all children on school holidays as well as school Teachers and Ancillary Staff who are having a very well deserved break after an especially difficult school year.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

COLLECT

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.

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 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God,
bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in
the ear. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said. But his servant
replied, "How can I serve this to a hundred men?" "Give it to the
people to eat," he insisted, "for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and
have some left over.'" He served them; they ate and had some over,
as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 144

RESPONSE: *You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.*

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-6

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

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your
vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness,
gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the
Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one
Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when
you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one
God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!*

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias
– and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave
by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there
with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip,
"Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?" He only
said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to
do. Philip answered, "Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to
give them a small piece each." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon
Peter's brother, said, "There is a small boy here with five barley
loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?" Jesus said
to them, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass
there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took
the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting
ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as
was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples,
"Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted." So they
picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from
the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he
had given, said, "This really is the prophet who is to come into the
world." Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him
by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.*

Or

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.