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Both Churches are under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Richborough;

And are served by a Priest of the Society of the Holy Cross.

**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**

*Sunday Masses:*

Every Sunday	9:15am	Solemn Mass	S Mary's	Pro Populo
Every Sunday	11:15am	Solemn Mass	S Saviour's	Pro Populo
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday:	4:00pm	High Mass (Extraordinary Form)	S Mary's	Pro Populo

*Weekday Masses:*

Day:	Observance:	Time:	Mass:	Church:	Mass Intention:
Mon	S Stephen of Hungary	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	People of Hungary
Tue	Feria	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Those preparing for marriage
Wed	Feria	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Home Communicants
Thu	S John Eudes	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	The bereaved
Fri	S Bernard	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Beekeepers & Candlemakers
Sat	S Pius X	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Those being Baptised
		12:00 noon	Holy Baptism	S Mary's	
		1:00pm	Holy Baptism	S Mary's	

**Confessions may be heard after any Low Mass, or by Appointment.**

**NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

**Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's today:** Restrictions are easing but we still need to be sensible so masks are still advised as is social distancing. At S Saviour's there will be coffee after Mass and we hope you will be able to stay – observing social distancing of course!

**Singing:** the congregation are now permitted to sing: the hymns are on the boards and found in the green hymnals, the Mass setting is found on the coloured sheet at S Saviour's and in the mass Booklet at S Mary's.

**Receiving of The Holy Communion:** Please come to the chancel screen for Holy Communion, socially distanced, and if you are wearing a mask please remove it before you receive the Host into your hand. Neither the priest nor the communicant say anything. I hope we will soon be able to return to a more reverent custom.

**On line masses:** mass will continue to be live streamed on the St Mary the Virgin, Sundon, Facebook page – please join us!

**Additional mass on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Each Month:** there will be a High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 4pm every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at S Mary's. I know for a number of people the 9:15 slot has become something of a struggle!

**Sundon PCC:** at some point we need to have a PCC meeting – I wonder if we might be able to do this on a Saturday morning? I am aware that some of our PCC now work rather long hours so a Saturday might be easier. Please let me know what you think!

**Sick lists – BOTH churches:** the sick lists haven't been updated since before the 1<sup>st</sup> lockdown! Sheets are at the back of both churches – please write the names of the sick you would like read out at Mass on Sunday. After a few weeks the current list will be superseded.

**St Mary's Patronal – The Assumption of Our Lady:** Many thanks to all those who helped with our Patronal Festival yesterday – the church looked wonderful and many thanks to those who helped with light refreshments and many thanks also to Laurence for organising the music. Many thanks to everyone!

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**Assistant Priest: Fr Digby Anderson, Ph.D.**

*Please take this newssheet away with you!*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*A great sign appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her  
feet,  
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.*

Or

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary,  
at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice  
and praise the Son of God.*

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son,  
body and soul into heavenly glory,  
grant, we pray,  
that, always attentive to the things that are above,  
we may merit to be sharers of her glory.  
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** Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6. 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, "Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ."

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.***PSALM** Psalm 44

**RESPONSE:** *On your right stands the queen,  
in garments of gold.*

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.  
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.  
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:  
forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**
2. So will the king desire your beauty:  
he is your lord, pay homage to him.  
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;  
they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must

be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Mary has been taken up into heaven;  
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Luke 1:39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;  
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.  
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Almighty has done great things for me.  
Holy is his name,  
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.  
He has shown the power of his arm,  
he has routed the proud of heart.  
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the  
lowly.  
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty  
away.  
He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy  
– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –  
of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this oblation, our tribute of homage,  
rise up to you, O Lord,  
and, through the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin Mary,  
whom you assumed into heaven,  
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,  
constantly long for you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.***COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*All generations will call me blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,  
we ask you to grant, O Lord,  
that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
whom you assumed into heaven,  
we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*