

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, SUNDON

&

S SAVIOUR, LUTON


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under the patronage of Saint Wilfrid and Saint Hilda

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.

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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 st Sunday: 4:00pm	High Mass (Extraordinary Form)	S Mary's	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses:

Day:	Observance:	Time:	Mass:	Church:	Mass Intention:
Mon	S Rose of Lima	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	People of Peru
Tue	S Barthomomew	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	People of Armenia
Wed	S Joseph Calasanz	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Schools on Holiday
Thu	Feria		No Mass		
Fri	S Monica		No Mass		
Sat	S Augustine	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Those with eye problems

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

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING AUGUST 22ND 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.

Tea and coffee after Mass: will now be available at both churches after Solemn Mass. We hope you will be able to stay – please continue to socially distance. I am aware that there are some people who may still be a little reticent about gathering after Mass.

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: continue to be live streamed at St Mary the Virgin, Sundon, Facebook page – please join us!

Additional mass on 1st Sunday of Each Month: there will be a High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 4pm every 1st 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! **The next 4pm High Mass (EF) will be on September 5th.**

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 1st 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 last week – 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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Please take this newssheet away with you!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

COLLECT

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: "If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord."

The people answered, "We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 33

RESPONSE: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:21-32

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

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of

words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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!*

GOSPEL John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, "This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?" Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, "Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?"

"It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

"But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, "This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him." After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, "What about you, do you want to go away too?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.*

Or

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.