



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. 

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Masses:

Every Sunday 9:15am	Solemn Mass (Ordinary Form/Extr Resp) Setting: Kyri&Credo: Shaw/Missa Smplicior	S Mary's	Pro Populo
Every Sunday 11:15am	Solemn Mass (Ordinary Form) Setting: Ky: xvi; Gl: xv; Credo III	S Saviour's	Pro Populo
1 st Sunday: 4:00pm	High Mass (Extraordinary Form) Setting: Missa Smplicior/Credo VI	S Mary's	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses:

Day:	Observance:	Time:	Mass:	Church:	Mass Intention:
Mon	S Nicholas	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Churches dedicated to S Nicholas
Tue	S Ambrose	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Home Communicants
Wed	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM	12:00NOON	HIGH MASS	S Mary's	Society of the Holy Cross
Sat	S Damasus	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	The Sick

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

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 5TH 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.

As Fr Yenda was unable to take his trip to France and Flanders last week, Mass will be as usual, and the congregation may receive Holy Communion in One Kind as per usual.

Today is the 2nd Sunday of Advent: We don't sing the Gloria during Advent. At S Mary's the Kyrie and Creed during Advent will be that of Shaw; the remaining parts of the Ordinary of the Mass remain Missa Smplicior.

Tea and coffee after Mass: are 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.

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.

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 Mass (EF) is today – and will be Solemn rather than High this month.

S Mary's Bazaar: Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported the Bazaar this year – which was a brilliant afternoon and very well supported after an absence of 2 years! We raised £1,183.24p which is phenomenal! Very well done indeed!

S Saviour's Fayre: An enormous thanks to everyone who helped and supported the Fayre last Sunday – it was a brilliant afternoon and those who came along very much enjoyed their visit. I don't know the results as yet, but it was certainly a wonderful afternoon!

Wednesday 8th December: The Immaculate Conception: 12 noon – High Mass at S Mary's. Priests of the local SSC will be with us and will meet after; but I very much hope people from both churches will be at Mass on this feast day!

Nine Lessons & Carols: It has been the custom for many years at Sundon that the 'carol service' takes place during the Season of Advent, namely on the 4th Sunday. Therefore, this year the service will be on Sunday 19th December at 3:00pm. Anticipated thanks to those who may wish to bring minced pies!

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Please take this newsheet away with you!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.*

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under
heaven,

since the name God gives you for ever will be,
"Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness".

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights

and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east

at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has
remembered them.

Though they left you on foot,

with enemies for an escort,

now God brings them back to you

like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening

of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,

the filling of the valleys to make the ground level

so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade

for Israel at the command of God;

for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory

with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 125

RESPONSE: *What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**
2. The heathens themselves said: "What marvels
the Lord worked for them!"
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 1:4-6. 8-11

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

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how
you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first
heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who
began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day
of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving
you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each
other may increase more and more and never stop improving your
knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always
recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and
blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will
reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for
the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate
was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother
Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias
tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.
He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of
the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,

every mountain and hill be laid low,

winding ways will be straightened

and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,
and, since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.