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Every Sunday 9:15am	Solemn Mass (Ordinary Form/Extraordinary Form) Setting: Kyri&Credo: Shaw/Missa Simplicior	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 <sup>st</sup> Sunday: 4:00pm	High Mass (Extraordinary Form) Setting: Missa Simplicior/Credo VI	S Mary's	Pro Populo

Weekday Masses:

Day:	Observance:	Time:	Mass:	Church:	Mass Intention:
Thu	S John de Kanty	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	Peoples of Poland & Lithuania
Sat	Of Our Lady	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	The Sick & Elderly

Confessions may be heard after any Low Mass, or by Appointment.NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's: Today is Gaudate Sunday** – one of only 2 Sundays in the year when rose-pink vestments are worn. ‘Gaudate’ refers to the introit for today - ‘Rejoice!’ 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 Simplicior.

**Restrictions:** have sadly been strengthened this week: therefore face coverings are again mandatory (except for those directly involved in the Liturgy). It is however permissible to remove your face covering to sing if you wish – and of course if you are exempt for any of the reasons (on a long list) you don’t have to wear a face covering. I had hoped we would go in the other direction, but sadly restrictions are tightening.

**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 had hoped we would soon have been able to return to a more reverent custom.

**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! However:

**The next 4pm Mass (EF) will be in February. Please note there is no 4pm EF Mass in January.**

**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. We raised £153 which was superb as well as it being a wonderful afternoon!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Therefore, this year the service will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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** Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Isaiah 12**RESPONSE:** *Sing and shout for joy*

*for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

1. Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R.**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Philippians 4:4-7

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.*

*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When all the people asked John, "What must we do?" he answered, "If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, "Master, what must we do?" He said to them, "Exact no more than your rate." Some soldiers asked him in their turn, "What about us? What must we do?" He said to them, "No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!"

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**