



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. ✝

CHRISTMASS EVE 2021

6:00PM – SOLEMN CHORAL MASS – S SAVIOUR'S

11:30PM – SOLEMN MIDNIGHT MASS – S MARY'S

Sunday 26th December - 9:15 - SMS & 11:15 - SSL - Solemnity of The Holy Family

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

Weekday Masses:

Day:	Observance:	Time:	Mass:	Church:	Mass Intention:
Mon	S John, Ap.; Ev.	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Churches dedicated to S John
Tue	Holy Innocents	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Abused & Neglected Children
Fri	S Sylvester	10:00am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	Front Line Workers
Sat	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	12 noon	SOLEMN MASS	S Mary's	The New Year
SUN	THE EPIPHANY	9:15 SMS & 11:15 SSL - EPIPHANY CEREMONIES AT BOTH MASSES			

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

NOTICES FOR WEEK COMMENCING DECEMBER 24th & 26th 2021

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMASS 2021!

Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's: It is lovely to welcome you to S Saviour's and S Mary's for the 6:00pm and 11:30pm Christmass Masses respectively; and also on Holy Family Sunday.

Receiving of The Holy Communion: Holy Communion at all masses is given in One Kind, at the Chancel Screen, socially distanced, and with masks removed to receive it.

Restrictions: Unfortunately restrictions have recently been increased: 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 on Sundays. 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.

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 soon return to a more reverent custom!

Additional Mass on 1st Sunday of Each Month: there will be a Solemn 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! However:

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

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Please take this newsheet away with you!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.*

Or

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born
in the world.
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.*

COLLECT

O God, who have made this most sacred night
radiant with the splendour of the true light,
grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his
light on earth,
may also delight in his gladness in heaven.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt
and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion
in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David
and for his royal power,
which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 95

RESPONSE: *Today a saviour has been born to us;
he is Christ the Lord.*

- O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**
- Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
- Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

- With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible
for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is
to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly
ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious
lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for
the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our
great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in
order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so
that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except
to do good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:

today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world
to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius
was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be
registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee
and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem,
since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered
together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While
they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she
gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling
clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for
them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds
who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks
during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the
glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the
angel said, "Do not be afraid. Listen. I bring you news of great joy,
a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David
a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a
sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and
lying in a manger." And suddenly with the angel there was a great
troubling of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to men who enjoy his favour".

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the oblation of this day's feast
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,
that through this most holy exchange
we may be found in the likeness of Christ,
in whom our nature is united to you.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
that we, who are gladdened by participation
in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity,
may through an honourable way of life become worthy of union
with him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.