



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. ✝

## LAETARE: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Sunday Masses:

#### Every Sunday:

9:15 – Solemn Mass – Ordinary Form/Extraordinary Responses: S Mary's Pro Populo

Setting: Missa Simplicior/Credo vi

11:15 – Solemn Mass – Ordinary Form S Saviour's Pro Populo

Setting: Ky: xvi; xv; Credo iii

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:

4:00pm – Solemn Mass – Extraordinary Form S Mary's Pro Populo

Setting: Missa Simplicior/Credo vi

### Weekday Masses:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Observance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Sat	S Francis of Paola	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Seamen

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

**Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's:** As always the Mass is contained in the booklet, hymns are in the book and numbers are posted on the boards. At S Mary's the Lenten Prose is on the sheet with the music notation.

**Laetare Sunday:** Today is Laetare Sunday – one of two Sundays in the year when rose-pink vestments are worn. It is also Mothering Sunday and posies will be blessed and distributed at the end of both Masses today.

**HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year Has Begun!** Please keep HM The Queen in prayer during this historic and wonderful year, and especially now during reports that Her Majesty is becoming more frail of late.

**The Ukraine:** Please hold the people of The Ukraine in your prayers at this time of their invasion and for all politicians throughout the world involved in the current tragic situation.

**RIP Bob Kirby:** Bob died recently after bravely fighting a long illness. We send our love and prayers to Jennifer and the family at this time. A requiem mass will be sung at S Saviour's in the near future. Jesu mercy. Mary pray.

**S Mary's Storm Damage:** The large tree at the back of church has caused some serious damage in the graveyard and we hope to have the fallen tree moved as soon as we are able, and this is currently in hand. Please let people know not to attempt to touch the fallen tree...if it is fiddled with and rolls it could be disastrous.

**Lead Theft:** The tarpaulin has now been placed on the roof at S Mary's so we should now be watertight. However, during times of very heavy rain it might be as well to check the seats before we make use of them!

**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.

**Extraordinary Form Mass :** The next 4pm Extraordinary Form Mass will be on the first Sunday of April.

**The Triduum 2022:** Maundy Thursday is on April 14<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday is April 15<sup>th</sup> and Easter Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>. Given that there are no servers these liturgies may be somewhat simplified this year!

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*Please take this newssheet away with you!*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you."

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

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. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appearing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!  
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:  
"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

**GOSPEL** Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. "This man" they said "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them:

"A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, 'Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

"When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, 'How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.' So he left the place and went back to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. 'Your brother has come' replied the servant 'and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.' He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, 'Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.'

"The father said, 'My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*You must rejoice, my son,  
for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and is found.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**