

Sunday 8th May 2022

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S MARY THE VIRGIN, SUNDON

&

S SAVIOUR, LUTON

THE SOCIETY OF S WILFRID AND S 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. ✠

EASTER IV

Sunday Masses:

Every Sunday:

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

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

Weekday Masses:

Day	Observance	Time	Mass	Church	Mass Intention
Mon	Feria	(2:30pm)	Burial of the Dead	S Mary's	
Tue	S John of Avila	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Home Communicants
Wed	Feria	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	People of The Ukraine
Fri	Our Lady of Fatima	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	The Bereaved
		(2:30pm)	Burial of the Dead	S Mary's	
Sat	S Matthias	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Churches dedicated S Matthias

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

Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's: There will as always be tea and coffee after both solemn masses, and we hope you will be able to stay.

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.

S Saviour's Feast of Title: There will be a High Mass at 12 noon on Saturday 28th May to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord at S Saviour's. There will be a choir and the mass setting will be Mass of S Joseph by Flor Peters. The preacher will be Fr Darren Percival who is coming all the way from Leeds – So I hope we can all make the effort to come from our various parts of Luton!

S Mary's Fallen Tree: The Tree has now been attended to – It was naturally a massive job so our thanks to the tree surgeon company who have done this. Many thanks also to James for his work with this which has been especially demanding!

Please note: Mass on Friday this week is at S Saviour's.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS: The AGM for both churches will be after the Parish Mass on Sunday 29th May – S Mary's after the 9:15 Mass, S Saviour's after the 11:15 Mass. There will be no homily that day at either Mass to allow time for the meetings. If you are not sure you are on the electoral role, please check that you are on it.

Covid Vaccinations: Luton Borough Council are keenly encouraging people to have their vaccinations and to encourage those around us to take up the vaccines too. This is actually immensely important, to the end that the council are funding organisations to spread the word. Please encourage people to have their vaccinations and if you haven't yet had them PLEASE consider doing so.

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Please take this newsheet away with you!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 13:14. 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. "We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth."

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 99

RESPONSE: *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Or **Alleluia!**

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said:

"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord,
that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries,
so that the renewal constantly at work within us
may be the cause of our unending joy.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd,
and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures
the sheep you have redeemed
by the Precious Blood of your Son.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.