



The Society

under the patronage of Saint Wilfrid and Saint 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. ✠

XIX PER ANNUM

Sunday Masses:

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
Tue	S Edith Stein	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	People of Europe
		(2:30pm)	Renewal of Vows	S Mary's	
Thu	S Clare	10:30am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Home Communicants
Sat	The Assumption BVM	12 noon	Solemn Patronal Mass	S Mary's	Pro Populo

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.

Fr Richard Brown SSC. Do please remember to pray for Fr Richard and his speedy recovery from his recent stroke, as well as his people at Holy Cross. He is making progress and is his cheery self, but he knows he has to continue taking things easy for now.

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 Mary's Patronal – The Assumption: there will be a Solemn Mass at 12 noon this Saturday 13th August at S Mary's to celebrate our patronal festival. Do please invite friends and acquaintances to come along and I hope people from both churches will make this a priority. Many thanks to the Friends of S Mary's for the light buffet for the celebration.

S Mary's Coffee Mornings: The monthly coffee mornings will resume on Friday 19th August at 10:00am. Do please pop along for a cuppa and a natter.

PCC Meetings:

S Saviour's – Saturday 3rd September at 11am – Church

S Mary's – Friday 9th September at 2:30pm - Vicarage

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!

The Lord Our God

The Lord has chosen us to be his people. Though a little flock, our history goes back into the dim and distant past. The God we worship is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We also look forward in hope to a glorious future in the Kingdom of our Father.

Entrance Antiphon: Lord, be true to your covenant, forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; do not ignore the shouts of your enemies.

Opening Prayer

Let us pray
[in the Spirit
that we may grow in the love of God]

Almighty and ever-living God,
your Spirit made us your children,
confident to call you Father.
Increase your Spirit within us
and bring us to our promised inheritance.

or

Let us pray
[that through us
others may find the way to life in Christ]

Father,
we come, reborn in the Spirit,
to celebrate our sonship in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Touch our hearts,
help them grow toward the life you have promised.
Touch our lives,
make them signs of your love for all men.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom 18:6-9
By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

: the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R v. 12

R Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

- 1 Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **R**
- 2 The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**
- 3 Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19
Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

*Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.*

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Gospel Acclamation

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

or

Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:32-48
You too must stand ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.