



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. ✠

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday: The Assumption (BVM) 12 noon Solemn Patronal Mass S Mary's Pro Populo

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:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Observance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Tue	S Stephen of Hungary	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	People of Hungary
Thu	Feria	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	Community Workers
Fri		(10:00am	Coffee Morning	S Mary's)	
Sat	S Bernard	10:30am	Low Mass	S Mary's	The Sick

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

S Mary's Patronal – The Assumption: A warm welcome to everyone for our Patronal Festival this Saturday, and especially those who will have travelled some distance to be with us today. An enormous thanks to those who have helped with the buffet. Many thanks indeed!

The Holy Communion: by popular request The Blessed Sacrament will now be distributed on Sundays at the altar rail in both churches. Should anyone find difficulty now in making their way up to the altar rail, please let Fr Yenda know so that it may be brought to you.

Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's on Sunday: 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 Coffee Mornings: The monthly coffee mornings will resume this 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

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Please take this newssheet away with you!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. The I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

**On your right hand stands the queen, in
garments of gold.**

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. **R**

So will the king desire your beauty: he is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. **R**

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order. Christ as the first-fruits and then,

after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
*Mary has been taken up into heaven;
All the choirs of angels are rejoicing.*
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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