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And are served by a Priest of the Society of the Holy Cross. ✠

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Theme of today's Mass: Jesus – the mediator of a new covenant. God made the new covenant of his love with the poor, the lowly, the down-trodden and the oppressed. It is therefore in a spirit of humility, the spirit of Jesus, that we make our celebration today, asking him to accept the homage of the humble.

Sunday Masses:

9:15 – Solemn Mass – Ordinary Form/Extraordinary Responses with Holy Baptism S Mary's Pro Populo
11:15 – Solemn Mass – Ordinary Form with Holy Baptism 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	Of Requiem	10:00am	Requiem Mass	S Mary's	R.I.P. Robert Clarke
Thu	Feria	10:30am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Cost of living concerns
Sat	S Gregory	10:30am (11:00am)	Low Mass PCC Meeting	S Saviour's S Saviour's)	S Saviour's PCC

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

Masses for both churches are live-streamed on the facebook page: facebook st mary the virgin sundon.

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.

Welcome to our Baptism families who are with us today: At S Mary's we celebrate the Baptism of Rose Richens. At S Saviour's we celebrate the Baptism of Ronan Christopher McKenna. It is lovely to have them with us along with their parents, godparents, friends and relatives.

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.

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: Many thanks to those who organised the recent coffee morning and those who came along – it was a good turn out and we had a very pleasant morning – we look forward to the next one in September!

PCC Meetings: S Saviour's – Saturday 3rd September at 11am – Church
S Mary's – Friday 9th September at 2:00pm – Vicarage

NB: Please note that S Mary's PCC will be at 2:00pm and not at 2:30pm.

Quiz Night: the Quiz Night will be at the church hall on Ashwell Avenue will be on Saturday 17th September. Details will follow. Many thanks to Linda for organising this and we look forward to a fun evening!

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SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24
You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. *R* cf. v. 11

R In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

- 1 The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
 they shall exult and dance for joy.
 O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
 rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. *R*
- 2 Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
 such is God in his holy place.
 God gives the lonely a home to live in;
 he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. *R*
- 3 You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
 when your people were starved you gave them new life.
 It was there that your people found a home,
 prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. *R*

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
 If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
 and my Father will love him,
 and we shall come to him.
 Alleluia!

or

Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Shoulder my yoke and learn from me,
 for I am gentle and humble in heart.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:1. 7-14
Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.