



# 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. ✝

## THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:15 – Solemn Mass – Ordinary Form/Extraordinary Responses (Missa Simplicior / Credo vi) S Mary's Pro Populo

11:15 – Solemn Mass – Ordinary Form (K:xi; Gl:x; S&B:Pro Defunctis; A:xiv / Credo iii) S Saviour's Pro Populo

### Weekday Masses:

Wed	Feria	10:30am	Low Mass	S Mary's	People of Ukraine
FRI	THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY	7:00PM	SOLEMN MASS	S MARY'S	Pro Populo
Sat	S Raymond	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	Lawyers

**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 New Year's Day:** A very happy, joyous, blessed New Year. There will as usual be tea and coffee after Mass today, and we do hope you will be able to stay.

**Today we keep the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God:** We welcome Fr Diego Galanzino to say the Low Mass at S Mary's today (he will have to say a Low Mass as he needs to be back to All Saints' in Houghton Regis after Mass at S Mary's). At 11:15 we welcome Fr Digby Anderson to sing the Solemn Mass at S Saviour's. Many thanks to Fr Galanzino and Fr Anderson for being with us today.

**Many thanks to all those who have helped to decorate our churches:** Many thanks to everyone who has helped again this year with the decorating of the churches for Christmas.

**The Epiphany – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** The Epiphany is now kept on its actual liturgical day of January 6<sup>th</sup>. Therefore there will be a Solemn Mass at ~~7pm~~ <sup>12 noon</sup> on Friday of this week. I do hope that there will be some of us who will be able to come along to celebrate the Epiphany and its rich ceremonies. There will be a glass of sherry and a mince pie afterwards.

**Many thanks also for all the cards and gifts:** the floor under the Christmas Tree in the Vicarage is groaning again this year with presents, and a bigger mantelpiece will need to be built for all the myriads of cards! Thank you so much to everyone for being so kind and generous again this year – it is much appreciated, and as always Fr Yenda is very touched!

**S Mary's Roof:** We are able to celebrate Christmas 2022 and The Solemnity of Our Lady 2023 in the dry – we hope, at least! The Scaffolders have worked hard this week and the temporary roof is on. Many thanks to those who have helped this week.

**S Saviour's Gates:** the gates at the back of church are now in place and we now await the front gates.

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,  
who rules heaven and earth for ever.*

Or

*Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us;  
and he will be called Wondrous God,  
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:  
and his reign will be without end.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. 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** Numbers 6:22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers.  
The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "Say this to Aaron and his sons: 'This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.'

"This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them."

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM** Psalm 66

**RESPONSE:** *O God, be gracious and bless us.*

1. God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Galatians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians.  
When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, "Abba, Father", and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*At various times in the past  
and in various different ways,  
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;  
but in our own time, the last days,  
he has spoken to us through his Son.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Luke 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God, for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things and bring them to fulfilment, grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God, that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace, so one day we may rejoice in its completion.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord: grant, we pray, that it may lead us to eternal life, for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**