

Sunday 29th January 2023

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S MARY THE VIRGIN, SUNDON

&

S SAVIOUR, LUTON

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. 

IV PER ANNUM (4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

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 etc:

Tue		1:30pm	Funeral Rites	S Mary's	RIP Frank Crawford
Sat	Of Our Lady	11:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	The Shrine at Walsingham

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: There will as usual be tea and coffee after Mass today, and we do hope you will be able to stay.

RIP: Frank Crawford: Frank who has been a very important part of life in Upper Sundon Village and who has been held in very great affection by all of us here at S Mary's died over the new year. **Frank's funeral will be at S Mary's at 1:30pm this Tuesday 31st January.** Our love and prayers are with all the family. Jesu mercy, Mary pray.

Removal of Epiphany Crib etc: As Candelmass is in the Church Calendar this week, the Epiphany Cribs and remaining decorations in both churches may be taken down this coming week.

S. Mary's PCC: will meet at the Vicarage at 2:30pm on Friday 24th February.

The Mardi Gras: or the 'Shrove Tuesday Knees up!' will be at S Mary's Church Hall on Ashwell Avenue on Tuesday 21st February.

Ash Wednesday: will be on Wednesday 22nd February. There will be Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 10:30am at S Saviour's, and Solemn Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 12 noon at S Mary's.

S Mary's Roof: Scaffolding is now inside S Mary's so there will for the time being be no Low Masses in the week at S Mary's. Thanks to all those who have helped with this over the past weeks and months. Please take extra care whilst the scaffolding is up: for the time being Holy Communion will be brought to the nave rather than distributed at the altar rail

Massive congratulations to Elroy: He is being entertained to the Cohesion Awards Ceremony by Bedfordshire Police for his services to Table Tennis. This is a wonderful recognition of his hard work in the local community. Very well done indeed!

S Saviour's Gates: the gates at the back of church are now in place and we now await the front gates which are expected in place in March. For information, Fr Yenda spoke at some length earlier in the week with the local police; and has been assured that the rough sleeper in the porch at S Saviour's has on a number of occasions been offered alternative accommodation, which has not been accepted. This is important because a short while back there was some comment on social media that S Saviour's should have opened its doors and permitted the man to sleep inside the church.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.*

COLLECT

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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 Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 145

RESPONSE: *How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Or **Alleluia!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Or

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad:
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

“How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, we bring to your altar
these offerings of our service:
be pleased to receive them, we pray,
and transform them
into the Sacrament of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.*

Or

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.