



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:15 Solemn Mass; Ordinary Form/Extraordinary Responses (Missa Simplicior (no Glo)/Credo vi) S Mary's ProPopulo
11:15 Solemn Mass; Ordinary Form (K:xi;(no Gl:x); S&B:Pro Defunctis; A:xiv / Credo iii) S Saviour's Pro Populo

Weekday Masses etc:

Sat	Feria	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	Lenten Observances
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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: Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During Lent the Gloria is not sung, and the Alleluia before the Holy Gospel is replaced by the Lenten acclamation.

S. Mary's PCC: will need to reschedule a meeting as the recent meeting had to be cancelled.

S Saviour's PCC: Could members of the PCC remain behind for a short meeting after Mass this morning to quickly pass a financial resolution. It will be very quick because after that there will be a short lesson for our First Communion candidate!

S Mary's Lent Lunches: If anyone would like to host a Lent Lunch this year please let us know: it is simply soup, bread and possibly a little cheese...it is not a Savoy Grill brunch, in case anyone is worried! I hope we will have one on March 13th, 14th or 16th.

Bags for Schools: will be collected in mid-April. Please deliver your suitable items (no bric-a-brac, uniforms, bedding etc) to the vicarage over the next few months. Many thanks!

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.

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.

Congratulations to Elroy: who has again been given an award for his Table Tennis work – very well done, and we look forward to the next award! Do take a moment to look at Elroy's trophy at the back of S Saviour's.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.*

Or

*Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Let not our enemies exult over us.
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.*

COLLECT

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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** Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

"I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you."

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM** Psalm 32

RESPONSE: *May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **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.**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:**"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!***GOSPEL** Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. "Lord," he said "it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. "Stand up," he said "do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,

cleanse us of our faults

and sanctify your faithful in body and mind

for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.**COMMUNION ANTIPHON***This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.