

Sunday 16th July 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. ✝

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:15 Solemn Mass

Ordinary Form/Extraordinary Responses (Missa Simplicior /Credo vi)

S Mary's

ProPopulo

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

Tue	Feria	10:00am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Home Communicants
Wed	Feria	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	Local Schools
Sat	S Mary Magdalene	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	S Mary M. Sunderland

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: Welcome to S Mary's and S Saviour's. There will as always be tea and coffee after Parish Mass in both churches, and we hope you will be able to stay.

S Mary's PCC: will meet at 2:30pm on Friday 28th July at The Vicarage.

The Friends of S Mary's upcoming events: Many thanks to the Friends of S Mary's for their most productive meeting recently. Here are up coming dates:

Sunday July 23rd – Afternoon Tea (in lieu of Strawberry Tea) – S Mary's Vicarage Garden at 3:00pm.

Saturday August 19th – Patronal Festival (Choral Solemn Mass) – S Mary's at **11:30am**.

Saturday November 4th – Quiz Night – Ashwell Avenue Hall

Saturday November 25th – Christmass Fayre – Ashwell Avenue Hall

The Vicarage Afternoon Tea: The Friends of S Mary's next up coming event is the afternoon tea at the vicarage garden on Sunday 23rd July at 3:00pm...which is NEXT SUNDAY! Tickets are available today and we need to know numbers before next week for the preparation. The Friends have organised the practicalities, so thank you to them. Tickets are the usual price of £5.00 and there will as always be an auction at the end of the afternoon.

S Mary's Patronal Festival: The Assumption of Our Lady will be celebrated on Saturday August 19th at 11:30am. This will be a Choral Mass with choir.

Coffee Morning: The next one will be on the 28th July at S Mary's.

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Please take this newssheet away with you!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

COLLECT

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: "As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 64

RESPONSE: *Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.*

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.*

Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
whoever finds this seed will remain for ever.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

(for shorter form read between > <)

> Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, "Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!" <

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, "Why do you talk to them in parables?" "Because" he replied "the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

"But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

"You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young;
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.*

Or

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**