

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 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. 

**21<sup>ST</sup> 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

Sat Of Our Lady

10:30

Low Mass

S Mary's

The Sick

**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.

**Welcome today to those having their banns read at S Mary's:** David Adam Colin Bell, (B, S Mary, Harlington), & Danielle Rose Poulton, (S, S Mary, Harlington, Qual. Conn. This Parish).

NOTES OF THANKS!

**Many Thanks:** to Elroy and his helpers who have done a marvellous job clearing the weeds etc at the front and side of the Church Hall at S Saviour's.

**Many Thanks:** to James and his team of helpers at S Mary's who are currently doing an amazing job of cleaning up all around church.

**RIP: Jan Smejkal:** Father Yenda's father died recently. Many thanks indeed for all the cards and kind wishes which have been received, it is most kind!

**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:

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> – Quiz Night – Ashwell Avenue Hall

Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmass Fayre – Ashwell Avenue Hall

**S Mary's Patronal Festival:** Many thanks to all those who came along for the Patronal Festival last Saturday and to those who helped with the buffet and also to Laurence and his wonderful Choir. It was a lovely festival and Fr Burton very much enjoyed his visit. Many thanks indeed!

**Coffee Morning:** The next one will be the this coming Friday morning at S Mary's at 10:30am.

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*Please take this newssheet away with you!*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 137

**RESPONSE:** *Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Romans 11:33-36

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

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him

anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,  
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.*  
**Alleluia!**

Or

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**You are Peter**  
*and on this rock I will build my Church.*  
*And the gates of the underworld can never hold out*  
*against it.*  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But you," he said, "who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven." Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.*

Or

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life, says the Lord,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**