

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

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**S MARY THE VIRGIN, SUNDON**

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**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. ✝

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



9:15 Solemn Mass

Ordinary Form/Extraordinary Responses (Missa Simplicior (no Gloria) /Credo vi)

S Mary's

ProPopulo

11:15 Solemn Mass

Ordinary Form (K:x; (no Gloria Gl:x;)) S&B:Pro Defunctis; A:xiv / Credo iii)

S Saviour's

Pro Populo

**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.

Tue	Feria	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	The Elderly
Thu	S Ambrose	[2:00pm	Hilborough Christmass Celebrations	S Saviour's]	
Sat	S Juan D				
	Cuauhtatoatzin	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	People of Mexico

**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 both Solemn Masses and we hope you will be able to stay.

**Today is Advent Sunday:** Advent is one of the Penitential seasons of the Church year – but is far more joyous than its sister season of Lent when purple is also used! The Gloria is omitted in all Sunday and Feria masses during this season.

**S Mary's Christmass Bazaar:** Enormous thanks to everyone for the hard work which went into the bazaar last week. As always everyone worked really hard and it was a wonderful afternoon. Many thanks to those who came along too. The amount raised was just over £1500 – Quite incredible!! Fabulous!!

**Christmass 2023:** This year Advent iv and Christmass Eve appear on the same day! Therefore the annual service of lessons and carols in anticipation of Christmass at S Mary's will need to be on Advent iii, and the church will therefore need to be decorated after Mass on Advent ii...so everything is a bit early!

Christmass Eve: 6:00pm – Solemn 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Christmass - S Saviour's

11:30pm – Solemn Mass of Midnight – S Mary's

Christmass Day: 9:30am - Solemn Mass of the Day – S Mary's

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# ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

# COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
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 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down  
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard,  
no eye has seen  
any god but you act like this  
for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM Psalm 79

**RESPONSE:** *God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

# SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.**

**Alleluia!**

# GOSPEL Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.**

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**