

Sunday 25th February 2024

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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. ✠

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:15 Solemn Mass – S Mary's

Ordinary Form/Extraordinary Responses (Missa Simplicior /Credo vi) S Mary's ProPopulo

11:15 Solemn Mass – S Saviour's

Ordinary Form (K: xvi; Credo: iii; S & B: xviii; A: xviii) S Saviour's Pro Populo

Mon Feria Lent ii 10:30am Low Mass S Mary's Bishop Norman

Tue S Gregory of Narek 10:30am Low Mass S Saviour's Local Schools

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 always be tea and coffee after both Solemn Masses and we hope you will be able to stay.

Cards for Bishop Norman: Bishop Norman under whose episcopal oversight our two churches sit, is retiring at Easter this year. Bishop Norman has worked hard for the parishes under his care and it would be good to send him good wishes upon his well earned retirement. There is a card for Bishop Norman at the back of both churches, do please sign it for him over the next couple of weeks and it can be sent off to him before his move from St Albans to Kings Lynn. The Low Mass on Monday at S Mary's will be offered for Bishop Norman; do please pray for him as he prepares for his retirement.

In Lent: We omit the Gloria.

Mardi Gras: Many thanks to all those who came along and all those who helped with the Mardi Gras last week. It was a lovely evening, and we raised £76 on the raffle (I hope I have got that correct!).

The Bishop of Bedford: very much enjoyed his recent visit to both churches. He sent an email, amongst which he says: "it was a blessing to meet everyone. Please pass on my thanks for all that they are doing to maintain mission and ministry in both Sundon and St Saviour's. There were many encouragements including the wonderful presence of the choir at St Saviour's".

Cheese and Wine Evening: It is hoped that this year the Cheese and Wine Evening will take place on the evening of Wednesday 10th April at the Vicarage. Please let Fr Yenda know if are interested. It was quite successful last year. This is open to people from both S Mary's and S Saviour's.

Next Sunday: is the 3rd Sunday of Lent.

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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 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God put Abraham to the test. "Abraham, Abraham" he called. "Here I am" he replied. "Take your son," God said "your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you."

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. "Abraham, Abraham" he said. "I am here" he replied. "Do not raise your hand against the boy" the angel said. "Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son." Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. "I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 115

RESPONSE: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:

"I am sorely afflicted."

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:31-34

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

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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 Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. "Rabbi", he said "it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what "rising from the dead" could mean.

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.