

Sunday 17th March 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. ✠

5TH 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

Tue	S Joseph	10:30am	Low Mass	S Mary's	Churches dedicated to S Joseph
Wed	Feria Lent v	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	Home Communicants
Sat	S Turibius	10:30am	Low Mass	S Saviour's	People of Peru

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.

Today at S Mary's we welcome those having their banns read: Steven Wilkins; B; S Margaret, Streatley & Chelsea Dawn Smith; S; S Margaret Streatley. Being married by Qualifying Connection.

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; do please pray for him as he prepares for his retirement. I shall post the cards off this coming week.

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. A list is at the back of church...please sign up if you would like to come.

Holy Week: begins on Palm Sunday – next week – Please do not let it pass you by! Here are the times:

Fig Monday – 10:30am – Low Mass – S Saviour's.

Temple Tuesday – 12 noon – Solemn Mass – S Mary's (Ladies' Club Mass)

Spy Wednesday – No Mass (Fr Yenda attending Bishop Norman's retirement Chrism Mass in Walsingham)

Holy Thursday – Solemn Mass and Procession to the Altar of Repose – 3:00pm – S Mary's

Good Friday – Solemn Liturgy – 1:00pm – S Mary's

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil – 6:00pm – Holy Cross, Marsh Farm.

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Please take this newsheet away with you!

Note: Other prayers and readings may be used if the Scrutinies are celebrated today.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.*

COLLECT

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,
may we walk eagerly in that same charity
with which, out of love for the world,
your Son handed himself over to death.
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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, “Learn to know the Lord!” No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 50

RESPONSE: *A pure heart create for me, O God.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me;
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, “Sir, we should like to see Jesus.” Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

“Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!”

A voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, “It was an angel speaking to him.” Jesus answered, “It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

“Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.”

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Hear us, almighty God,
and, having instilled in your servants
the teachings of the Christian faith,
graciously purify them
by the working of this sacrifice.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God,
that we may always be counted among the members of Christ,
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.