

Mass Times

Weekday Mass

Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 11:00am

Next Saturday

Asian Christian Worship & Fellowship in Urdu
Saturday 26th September 2026 at 12:00 Noon

Parish Mass Next Sunday

27th September 2026 at 7:00 pm

Come & join us

Morning & Evening Prayer

Monday to Thursday

*All are warmly invited to join Fr Emmanuel for
prayer at following times:*

Morning Prayer 9:00am

Evening Prayer 5:30pm

Holy Hour

On Monday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Healing Mass

Every Last Sunday of the Month

Next Healing Mass Sunday 27th September

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OFFICE HOUR

On Saturdays 10:30 am –11:30am



You are warmly invited to visit during office hour
to discuss Baptisms, Banns of Marriage,
Wedding Blessings, Renewal of Vows,
or House Blessings.



Richborough Episcopal Area



Please take this **pew sheet** home with you.



Welcome

to Mass at

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

A welcoming, friendly and lively Anglo-Catholic
Parish, Marsh Farm, Luton, LU33RT

**You are warmly invited to join us for tea and
coffee after Mass.**

Today's Hymns

**All hymns are taken from the
Celebrational Hymnal**

ENTRANCE

The Lord's my shepherd 312

OFFERTORY

The church's one foundation 300

COMMUNION

The Bread of the world 412

RECESSIONAL

Forth in the peace of Christ 78

Collect

God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
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

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call to him while he is near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways—it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):2–3, 8–9, 17–18

Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R**

THE ANGELUS



1 The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary,
full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

2 Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

Be it done unto me
according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

3 And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt amongst us.

Hail Mary...

4 Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.



Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord,
thy grace into our hearts; that we,
to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son
was made known by the message of an angel,
may, by his passion and cross be brought
to the glory of his Resurrection;
through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Harvest Festival

Giving Thanks for God's Goodness



Sunday 4th October 2026

10:00 am Parish Mass

All are warmly welcome

Church of the Holy Cross
Marsh Farm, Luton

Together in Faith, Sharing God's Gifts

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

PARISH MASS

10:00 AM

Weekly Notices

Foodbank Timings

The Food Bank is open on Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, and on Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. **Foodbank Appeal**

We would be very grateful for donations of the following items for our Food Bank: baked beans, long-life milk, biscuits, tea, coffee, rice, custard, juice, sugar, tinned tuna, pasta and pasta sauce, Fray Bentos pies, corned beef, toiletries, chopped tomatoes, tinned vegetables, ready meals in tins (such as stewed steak), and tinned fruit.

Foodbank update

We sincerely appreciate the continued generosity of all who support our Foodbank through donations, volunteering, and prayer. During the month of August, we have served 78 Foodbank users. Thank you for helping us care for those in need within our local community.

Holy Cross Hall

We have two halls available for hire at £20 per hour, with free Wi-Fi. On-site parking and kitchen facilities are available. For more information or to make a booking, please contact Valerie Rice, our Hall Manager, on 07946175105 or email ricevalerie1@gmail.com.

Afternoon Tea

Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 2:00 pm 4:00 pm. Join us for tea, coffee, and cake in a warm and friendly setting. You are most welcome to come along; we would be pleased to greet you. All are welcome.

Community Health Walk

The next health walk will take place on 25th September 2026. We leave church at 10:00 am for a short walk and return for refreshments. All are welcome to join in.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results—I do not know which I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to depart and be with Christ; and this is by far the stronger desire and yet for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to St Matthew 20:1-6a

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, ‘You go to my vineyard too, and I will give you a fair wage.’ So, they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out again and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing around, and he said, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. He said, ‘You go into my vineyard too.’

starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.’ Those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. So, when the first came, they expected to get more, but grumbled at the landowner. ‘The men who came last,’ they said, ‘have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a

heavy day's work in all the heat.'

He answered one of them and said, 'My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

The Sacrament Lamp

The Sacrament Lamp has been sponsored by Joan Bailey in loving and prayerful memory of her sister,

Jennifer Sutherland, on the anniversary of her death.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

800th Anniversary Mass

On Saturday 3rd October, St Mary's Church, Lower Sundon will celebrate its 800th Anniversary Mass at 12 noon. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Yenda.

All are warmly invited to join in this joyful celebration of faith, prayer and thanksgiving.

Patronal Festival of St Francis of Assisi Church

On Sunday 4th October at 5:00pm St Francis of Assisi Church, Hemel Hempstead will celebrate its Patronal Festival. Bishop Luke will be the Celebrant and Preacher. All are warmly invited to join this special celebration.

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sheet at the back of the church.

Pray for the Sick

Jackie, Paul, Ashleigh, Bab Coulson, Odette, Julie, Dorothy, Marjorie, Tony, Harry, Preeya, Yvette, Margaret, Nadine, Margaret, Gail, Angela, Humera Sangeeta, Rahal, Raphael, Ashton, Kief, Yolande, Sara, Farodent, Isaac Shad & Tassawar

Continuing Need:

Brenda, Michelle, Debbie, Esther, Kassie, Esther, Margaret, Anne, Nagina, Felicia, Ephraim, Abraham & Riffat Jackson. Joel

In Residential care: Pat.

Recently Departed

Hanifan

The Year's Mind

We pray also for all those whose anniversaries of passing occur at this time of year, including:

Donald Beale, Patricia Bennet Sheila Brown, Elizabeth Jamieson Clark, George Donohoe
Harrison Dunne