

# Mothers Sunday

15th March 2026



## Collect

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the  
cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow we may know  
the power of your presence to bind  
together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading (Isaiah 66:12-14a )

A reading from the book of Isaiah  
For thus says the Lord:  
I will nurse you and carry you on my arm.  
As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.  
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice.

## Gospel Reading (John 25b-27 )

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.  
Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were  
his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of  
Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his  
mother and the disciple whom he loved standing  
beside her, he said to his mother,  
'Woman, here is your son.'  
Then he said to the disciple,  
'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the  
disciple took her into his own home.

## Post Communion

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast you  
feed us in this sacrament with the food  
and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted  
your goodness to grow in grace within the  
household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## For your prayers

**In our Prayers:** Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher,  
Terry Folan, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Eamon Irvine,  
Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti,  
Maggie Stevenson, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug  
Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan  
Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira  
Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini,  
Tommy Naylor, Lenny Shaw, Stephen Green, Riva  
Hodges, Sue Bloom, Sarah Chambers, Dwight  
d'Aguilar Gooden, Bea Ray, Eudora Maame de Graft-  
Yankah

**Anniversaries of Death:** Martha Townsend, Thomas  
Arthur, Mary Brown, Clara English, Rosina Norman,  
Walter Slade, Reginald Gordon, Richard Brown (Pr),  
Herbert Stickles

**In our parish:** We pray for Seward Street and Pear  
Tree Street

**In the wider world:** We pray for the Middle East  
and a peaceful resolution. We pray for all those  
suffering in those conflicts.

## Notices

**This week in church...**

**Mondays at 6pm Stations of the Cross**

The ancient and beautiful devotion, following  
Christ's path to the Cross with readings and  
reflection.

**Wednesday Open Church: 10am-1pm**

**Lent Study Group: 11-12**

"Lent Wise: Spiritual Essentials for Real Life"

A user-friendly guide to season of Lent  
by Paula Gooder.

**12.30pm Mass**

**Wednesdays at 6pm Compline**

A short, meditative service with space for silence  
and guided reflection on Lenten themes.

**Next Sunday Passion Sunday**

**10.30am Parish Mass**