



Fourth Sunday in Lent and Mothering Sunday 22 March 2020

Dear Friends,

As you will be aware from coverage in the media and from my Pastoral Letter, the Archbishop of Sydney has suspended all religious services for churches in our Diocese and fellowship/social gatherings etc. forthwith until further notice. This is an unprecedented move and one that is deeply challenging to us all.



Please be assured of my commitment to use the internet and social media as appropriate, together with traditional mail, to keep in contact with our parish family and to provide the guidance, instruction and love that Christ has called me to do as your Rector and Father in Christ.

While we may not be able to meet face-to-face at the present time, we can exercise care for one another by telephoning those for whom we have care and concern, perhaps providing a meal we can deliver or doing some light shopping to help with daily needs.

On this Sunday, which is Mothering Sunday as well as the Fourth Sunday in Lent in our liturgical calendar, let us pause for a moment to reflect on the significance of our mothers in our lives, and those mother-figures who have influenced us through the years, including our Mother Church. The mothering role is frequently one of instructing and nurturing, encouraging children to become the best they possibly can. Indeed, this could also describe, in simplistic terms, the role of the Church; to instruct us in the ways of our Lord, to nurture our faith and our love for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and to encourage us to follow the path that will lead to eternal peace and everlasting life.

Fr Max

The Reverend Dr Max Wood,
Rector



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Revd Dr Glenn Davies

The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards

Northern Region: Parishes of Gladesville, Hunters' Hill, Macquarie;

Robert Menzies College; Trinity Chapel, Macquarie

Local churches: St Peter's Anglican Church, Cremorne; clergy and people

Missions 2020

Anglicare Sydney:

Mobile Community Pantry Program;

Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

Bush Church Aid:

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer,

The Revd Neville Naden and

Mrs Kathryn Naden

Anglican Board of Mission:

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya;

The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

Those we are holding in prayer

The Immediate Sick:

Alex Dimitric, Lisette Crowle, Mary Douglas, Pam Brooks, Eileen Menzies,

Liam Gorman

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Justin Reid, Heather, Bernie Walsh, Keren Snell,

Benji Morris, Christine Hurford, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Greg Breden,

Denise Thomas

People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Ruth Burleigh, Richard Lloyd, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth,

Elaine Porter, Helen Huby, Bev and Dorothy Bashford, Brian Miles, Pat Wood,

Jean Barton, Rosalie and Denis Pearson



A Call to Prayer - The Most Reverend Dr Glenn Davies

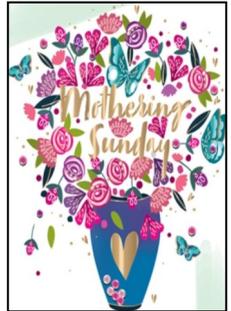
“I call on all Christians to pray for health workers and those seeking to develop a vaccine and to pray that the spread of this disease may slow. God’s love for all people has not diminished, nor his sovereignty over his world. Therefore, I urge all Christians to continue to trust in God’s goodness and mercy in this crisis, and to show Christ’s love to those affected.”

A Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father,
we pray for the people of St Luke’s,
for our clergy, our parish and our community.
Make us wise to understand your ways and faithful to walk in your paths.
May Christ shine His light in our hearts,
and the Holy Spirit bear fruit in our lives.
Fashion us into a fellowship of love,
that we may serve and witness to the glory of your kingdom;
in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Origins of Mothering Sunday

In centuries past it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions, when children who were working away returned home. It was the return to the 'mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family. Mothering Sunday was also known as Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed on that day.



A Collect for Mothering Sunday

Loving God,
we give you thanks for mothers and all who care for us.
For those who have encouraged us and helped us grow,
who have forgiven us,
and cared for us when we are unwell.
For those who have supported us when times were hard,
who have challenged us,
and who have demonstrated your love for us.
We offer our support and prayers
for their lives to be blessed
and for all families to flourish;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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St Luke's is a place of rich and diverse liturgy, where life and faith connect. We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation or religion.