

A very warm Welcome to St Michael's Church

Sunday 15th March
10.30am

Mothering Sunday



Today we take a short respite from our Lenten discipline and celebrate Mothering Sunday. We give thanks especially this day for our Mother Church, our Mother Mary and our own Mothers. This day is also known as refreshment Sunday and marks the halfway mark between Ash Wednesday and Easter. As part of our celebrations we shall break our Lenten fast by sharing traditional Simnel cake. Also flowers will be blessed and distributed in thanksgiving for all Motherhood.

Opening Sentence

Hail, Holy Mother! The child to whom you gave birth is the king of heaven and earth

Hymn: Tell out my soul

Greeting and Entrance

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Call to Confession

My brothers and sisters,
to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries,
let us first call to mind our sin.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Prayer

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn
celebrations to come.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First Reading (Sit)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (6:1-4)

Children, be obedient to your parents in the Lord – that is your duty.
The first commandment that has a promise attached to it is: *Honour your father and mother*, and the promise is: *and you will prosper and have a long life in the land*. And parents never drive your children to resentment but in bringing them up correct them and guide them as the Lord does.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: Now thank we all our God

2nd Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:12-17)

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; you must now do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home in you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord

Anyone who follows me will have the light of life

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

The Lord be with you, **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to (John 19: 25-27)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son'. Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother'. And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

This is the Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon (Sit)

Creed (Stand)

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions (Sit)

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Priest: Christ is our peace he has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross; we meet in his name and share his peace!

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: Ye who own the faith of Jesus

Offertory Prayers

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness... (2x)

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest: Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

People: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer over the Gifts

We place before you with joy these offerings,
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,
praying that we may both faithfully revere them
and present them to you, as is fitting,
for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord be with you,
and with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts,
we lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.....*The Eucharist prayer continues*

Preface

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks
as we celebrate the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
she became the virgin mother of your only Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,

who is for ever the light of the world.

Through him the choirs of angels
and all the powers of heaven
praise and worship your glory.
May our voices blend with theirs
as we join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might,
heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory your
power and might
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes
Blessed, blessed is he who comes
Blessed is he, blessed is he,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
Who in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying.
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying.
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all,
rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the holy spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Holy Mary mother of God, St Michael and
all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Communion

Our Father

Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.....**

**For thine is the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread:

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: **Though we are many we are one body, because we all
share in the one bread.**

Preparation for Communion:

All: **With this bread...**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of
the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my
roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

All: **With this wine...**

Communion Antiphon

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

*We now come forward to receive Communion or a blessing as directed
by the sides people*

Communion Hymns:

An upper room did our Lord prepare
I watch the sunrise lighting the sky

Prayer after Communion

Lord, you give us the sacraments of eternal redemption.
May we who honour the memory of the mother of your Son
rejoice in the abundance of your grace
and experience your unfailing help. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of
your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices and giving of flowers

Colours of day dawn into the mind

Concluding rite: Blessing & Dismissal

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

May the Lord who brought us to birth by his Spirit,
strengthen us for the Christian life.

May the Lord who provides for all our needs
sustain us day by day.

May the Lord whose steadfast love is constant as a mother's care, send
us out to live and work for others.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Priest: The Mass is ended, Go in peace

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Final Hymn: How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him

The Angelus- As I kneel before you

We pray for all who are ill, that God may grant them health and peace:

Sr Pat, Androulla, Ceva Clements, Perry Wells, Olive, Fanny Metu Charlotte B, Denise Clarke, Frances, Sarah, Katie Kirkland, Bet, Tracey and the Tuite family ,George Brown, Zarina, Abbey-Sue and Marcia, Barry James, Audley Watson, Lurleen, Georgia Cordell, Kathleen, Shirley & Leslie Angus, Christopher John, Jazzmine Grimes, Michelle, Fannos jjordani, Ray Bennett , Emmanuel Kuye, Amy Harris, Jerry Moran, Daniel Sintin, Sally Sintin, Amie Samura, Marcus Cullen, Jennifer Douglas, Joshua Rattray, Victorine Clarke, Thomas Hewitt, Geri Thompson, Mary Thompson, Sarah Reggerie, Ian Lennon, Kathleen Wale, Serena Forni, Derek Ogden, Lawrence Barrett, Dominic Swift, Peter Clements, Jereline Simoms, Ayo Dumbuya, Dorren Norine, Shola Adebowale ,Una and Pat Murphy , Andrea Negri, Shane Claridge, James Ighodaro, Theresa Naish, Anastasia, Allen, Jean Bromley, Josephine Baker, Saman Joseph, Myrtle, Joe Donkor, Dorothy, Brandon, Ronald, Edna Noel, Evelyn Baker, Gabriel, Anna and Louis, Jean, Dot, Rosemary Stone, Susan Joy, Mai Lee, Freddie Jones, Ester Thompson, Heather and Sarah, Luke and John Burke, Nabawanda Matlida, Donald, Lorraine, Pat Stephenson, Janet Syson, Anthony, Austin, Owen, Rose Gallagher, Ryan Ayoki

for those who have died recently

And for all whose anniversary of death falls at this time:

15 th March	Lindsey Nartey, Patrick Okolo
16 th March	Ronald Tuite
17 th March	Sydney Wood

St Michael's candle: is burning in loving memory of
Marlene Ng Yu Tin

The Blessed Sacrament candle: is burning in loving memory of
Rosemary Canjee

The Blessed Virgin Mary: is burning in loving memory of
Guy Ng Yu Tin

The flowers at St Michael's statue – not during Lent