



Crucis



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Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

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Galatians 6:14

Message from Fr Michael Turner

In the Middle Ages Mothering Sunday (15 March this year) was an occasion for everyone to visit their 'mother' church – the place where they had been baptised. Later, an opportunity for those who worked away from home to visit their mothers became added to the mix of reasons to make it a special day.

Nowadays it is common to honour all women who are, and have been, special to us. In some churches this is signalled by small bunches of flowers being given to every woman present.

Sadly not everyone has enjoyed a wonderful or enduring relationship with their mother, so lest we get carried away on a wave of love and sentimentality, so Mothering Sunday is also an occasion to reflect on and pray for those whose relationships with their mother were not all they might have been.

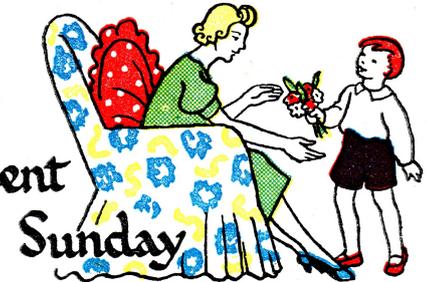
There are also families who have been blighted by the death of a child; families remembering a mum who has died; women who have not had children but would have dearly loved the opportunity; all these and more are a recognition of the imperfections of human love, human life.

These imperfections can be brought in prayer to the God who mothers us. In the Old Testament, Isaiah speaks of God comforting His people like a mother hen. In the New Testament, both Matthew and Luke bear witness to Jesus expressing His desire to gather His people as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings. God has strong maternal qualities which He invites us to discover and enjoy!

Whether or not our own personal experience is one of being loved and cared by our own mother, or nurturing our own children, God offers these maternal qualities for us to receive. This is more lovely than flowers, more long-lasting than cake, and even better than a visit from family. And it's free to everyone who wants it.

Fr Michael

Mothering or Refreshment Sunday



Services in March 2026

Sun 1	Lent II	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 4	St David (tr)	Lay-led 10.00 a.m.
Sun 8	Lent III	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 11	St Kessog (tr)	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 15	Mothering Sunday	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 18	St Patrick (tr)	Low Mass 10.00 a.m.
Sun 22	Passion Sunday (Lent V)	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Wed 25	Annunciation	Lay-led 10.00 a.m.

Services in Holy Week (March/April)

Sun 29	Palm Sunday (Lent VI)	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.
Mon 30	Monday in Holy Week	Stations+Gosp. 10.00 a.m.
Tue 31	Tuesday in Holy Week	Stations+Gosp. 10.00 a.m.
Wed 1	Wed. of Holy Week	Stations+Com. 10.00 a.m.
Thu 2	Maundy Thursday Communion, Stripping of Altar and Watch	7.00 p.m. – midnight
Fri 3	Morning Prayer + Litany Good Friday Liturgy	10.00 a.m. 3.00 p.m.
Sat 4	Morning prayer + Ante-Communion Great Vigil of Easter	10.00 a.m. 9.00 p.m.
Sun 5	Easter Sunday	Sung Mass 11.00 a.m.

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Prayer for Passion Sunday

O God, whose blessed Son did overcome death for our salvation: Mercifully grant that we, who have his glorious passion in remembrance, may take up our cross daily and follow him; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Scottish Prayer Book

Saints' and Special Days for March

St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales (1 March)

David, or Dewi, was a monk and a bishop in the sixth century. He was reputed to be an exemplar of the ascetic, spiritual life but was also highly regarded for his kindness and compassion to others, particularly the poor and the sick. He is believed to have founded the monastery at Menevia, now St David's, and also at least a dozen other monasteries. He is said to have based his Rule for his monasteries on the austere regime of the Egyptian desert monks. He died in about the year 601 and has been regarded as the patron saint of Wales since at least the twelfth century.

St Kessog, Bishop and Martyr (10 March)

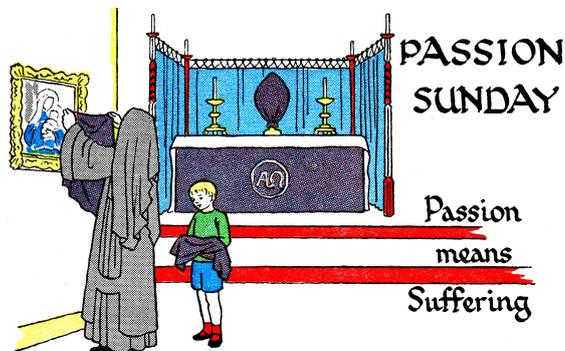
Kessog or Kessock was a missionary bishop who laboured among the Picts in the lands of Lennox towards the end of the 7th century. He lived in a hermit's cell on Monk's Island, Loch Lomond, and is thought to have been martyred near there around the year 700.

Mothering Sunday (15 March 2026)

Mothering Sunday is a day honouring mother churches, the church where one is baptised and becomes 'a child of the church', celebrated since the Middle Ages in the United Kingdom, Ireland and some Commonwealth countries on the fourth Sunday in Lent. On Mothering Sunday, Christians have historically visited their mother church – the church in which they received the sacrament of baptism.

St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland (17 March)

The son of a clerical family, Patrick was born among the British peoples living in northwestern England and southwestern Scotland in about 385. He was taken captive by raiders and sold as a slave in Ireland when a young boy. There, he worked as a herdsman and his faith was quickened in adversity. Finally escaping, he went to continental Europe, where he became a priest, and, eventually a bishop for missionary work in Ireland. Indefatigable in preaching the faith throughout the country and in organising the Church there, despite opposition, Patrick died in about 461, and was buried at Downpatrick.



Passion Sunday (22 March 2026)

Passion Sunday is the fifth Sunday in Lent in several Christian traditions, marking the beginning of Passiontide. In 1969, Passiontide was removed from the liturgical calendar of the Western Catholic Church for the Mass of Paul VI, but it is still observed in the Traditional Latin Mass and in the Anglican Use. It is also observed by some Anglicans and Lutherans. In Scotland, the day is known as Care Sunday. [Wikipedia](#)

The Annunciation of the Lord (25 March)



Since at least the 4th century, the Church has celebrated on this festival the great day of decision, when the blessed Virgin Mary accepted the role that God had chosen for her in His plan of redemption. From that moment the Holy Child was conceived within her, and the Virgin became the bearer of God the Son, known as 'Theotokos' in the East and translated as 'Mother of God' in the West.

Palm Sunday (29 March 2026)

Palm Sunday is the Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates



Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels. Its name originates from the palm branches waved by the crowd to greet and honour Jesus Christ as he entered the city. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week; in Western Christianity, this is the beginning of the last week of the solemn season of Lent, preceding Eastertide, while in Eastern Christianity, Holy Week commences after the conclusion of Great Lent.

[Wikipedia](#)