

Mothering Sunday

A Mother's Prayer: from Repentance to Renewal

15 March 2026

Bible Reading: John 19:25-27

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**Mary at the Cross:
her sacrifice, Jesus' sacrifice and
ours**

Rose Sunday



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Mother's Day





HOLY BAPTISM

Name Antony John Hutt

The Child of George Manson & Dorothy Eileen Hutt

Was Baptised on Oct. 8 1950 at Chipping Barnet Parish Church

Godparents

Signed

L. B. Farmer

Rector

Ye are to take care that this Child be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him.

The Mother Church

Christ Church,
Barnet



Mothering Sunday

- Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. *Isaiah 66:10–11*
- I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. *Psalms 122:1*

Mothering Sunday Movement (1913)

- Mother Church,
- ‘Mothers of earthly homes’
- The Virgin Mary
- Mother Nature

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Lent

Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday



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Lent



Happy Ramadan for all members of our community who are observing their fast. The month of Ramadan is also known for prayer, reflection, and community. (17 February, Facebook)

Lent: why 40 days?

- Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11)
- Moses fasted 40 days before receiving the covenant tablets (Exodus 34:28)
- Elijah travelled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb (1 Kings 19:8-9)
- For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth (Genesis 7:17)
- Nineveh was given 40 days to repent: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” (Jonah 3:4)

Lent: what is it for?

- Three pillars: prayer, fasting and almsgiving
- Repentance, reflection, preparation for Easter, penitence
- A voluntary self-denial and sacrifice

Summary

- Mary's sacrifice: pictured at the cross
- Jesus' sacrifice: his birth, his life and ministry, his death
- Our sacrifice: Lenten fast and challenges

But sacrifices are not just for Lent!

Happy Lent!

Any questions or comments?