

Gradual Hymn:

Father in heaven, thank you for mothers
loving and caring, all the day long;
Thank you for parents, working to feed us,
mothers and fathers, loving and strong.

Thank you for Mary, 'blest among women';
She whom you chose, to mother your Son;
Pattern of goodness, trust and obedience,
help us to love you, as she had done.

Guardian of truth, the Church is our Mother;
Telling of Jesus, Agent of grace,
filled with His Spirit, making us siblings,
joining his people, in every place.

Parents and children, praise God together,
praise for our homes and all that He gives;
May we serve others, as serving Jesus
making each home, the place where He lives.

Words: Rosemary Stephens Music: 'Bunessan'

During the week: Wednesday 18 March –

The Craft Group meets in the Parish Room 10am-12pm ~ everyone welcome!

and 7pm Compline with short Devotional
Reflection **via Zoom** - just use this link to join
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83509675884>

and if asked - Code: 367948

Thursday 19th – 10.30am Said Mass with Stations
of the Cross followed by refreshments & Lent Course

Friday 20th at 7pm Talking Stock Productions
presents the award-winning one-act play:

The Last Memory by Alan Stockdill

Tickets available today - See posters for details

Sat. 21st 10am-1.30pm St Anne's Easter Fayre

Next Sunday – 22nd March - Lent 5

11.00am Parish Mass *To help you prepare for
our worship why not look up the readings we will
use: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45*

The Candle by the Blessed Sacrament burns this
week loving memory of Pamela King and the
Candle by the Blessed Virgin Mary burns this week
in loving memory of Leslie Heath

Walsingham Cell meets on Saturday 28 March at
2.30pm at St Paul's for Mass – all welcome.

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Sunday 15 March 2026

Welcome to our Parish Mass on this Mothering Sunday ~ Lent 4

A special welcome if you are visiting.
If you require Gluten free altar bread - please have a
word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

Hymns: 353; see over; 185 63; 413

It is good to welcome Fr David Burrows as our
Celebrant & Preacher today.

Readers: Mary Barton-Marshall & Victoria Bevan
Intercessions: Tom Oakes

*There's a contactless payment facility at the back of
Church if you are without cash for your offering.
If you pay tax please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes
– it helps us a great deal - Thank you!*

During the week please pray for:

Our neighbours in Norman View, Octagon Terrace,
& the people Southowram

Among our congregation: Patricia Brunt,
Mary Barton-Marshall, Abshar Hussian & Claire Coulston

Mon - Give thanks for our Mothers, living and departed

Tuesday – our keeping of Lent

Wed. - Peace in the troubled areas of the world

Thursday – for families in the parish

Friday – for all in any kind of need in body,
mind, or spirit at this time

Saturday – for our Lesson Readers & Intercessors

Those who are sick or in need:

Laraine Cowgill, Sue Sanders, Jeremy Whitaker,
Julian Haw, Susan Wainwright, Teddy Hicks,
Jerome, Jacinta Hunter, Michael Kenyon,
Barbara Martin. Katie O'Halloran, Beryl Wilson,
Kathryn Osborne, Audrey Martin, Douglas Pilcher,
Victoria Bevan

Long term sickness:

Brenda Stones, Lesley Woodall, Barbara Wood

Recently departed: Barbara Davies, Billy Dawson

Anniversaries:

Doris Wright, John Perrin, Lucy Harrison (15) Hilda
Cross, Harry Oakes, Marion Foster (16) Dora
Thomas, Alice Crabtree (17) George Crossley (18)
Dorothy Simmons, William Crabtree, Blanche
Newsome, Leslie Heath (19) Sarah Stones, Harry
Wardman, Susuan Todd (20) Hilda Bentley, John
Woodall, Lily Owen, Michael Moore (21)

LENT 4 ~ Mothering Sunday

OPENING PRAYER 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 sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (1 Sam. 1:20-28)
A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord." The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the Lord establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps.32)

R: Taste, O taste and see that the Lord is good, that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R:**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R:**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R:**

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

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything 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

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother, says the Lord

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL (John 19:25b-27)
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, 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.

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



Palm Sunday – 29 March

11.00am Parish Mass with
Palm Procession & Passion

5.00pm **'The Cross of Christ'** ~ a Come & Sing
Devotional Service for Palm Sunday with congregational
hymns, readings & choral works

Monday in Holy Week

6pm Compline with Devotional Address

Tuesday in Holy Week

10.30am Mass with Devotional Address

Wednesday in Holy Week

6pm Mass with Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday – 2 April

7.30pm Sung Mass of the Lord's Supper with Foot
Washing, Stripping of the Altar and Prayer Watch

Good Friday – 3 April

10.30am Stations of the Cross at St Anne's
2pm The Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday – 4 April

7pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Easter Day – 5 April - 11.00am Parish Mass

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