



Fourth Sunday of Lent

11 March 2018 Mothering Sunday

MASS TIMES: As usual

LATELY DEAD Edith Noakes, Denis Eagleton, Carmel Coghlan, Vinny Howarth, and Alan Roberts .	MOTHER'S DAY Mary Wilimington, Norah Livesey, Agnes Wadsworth, and Alice Morgan	SPECIAL INTENTIONS Bruce Williams; Patrick, Imelda and Mary Dowdall; Bridget and Jack Slowan; Madge and Marion Roberts; McManninan and Gravin Families.
	BIRTHDAY MEMORIES Mary Reid, Mac Baker	

Theme: God's love for his Creation

First Reading: The chosen People Reject God, but God does not Reject them.

Second Reading: We are God's work of Art, a Gift From God

Gospel: "God loved the world so much, He gave his Son on a Cross"

Why do we find it so difficult to believe that God Loves us and Cares for us? After all, we are his Creation

"Lord, teach us to pray." Certainly, "Our Father who"

Finally, we might reject, desert God - He will never reject, desert us"

UCM Meeting this Wednesday, 14 March, in the Parish Centre after 7pm Mass. Fr. Coe will be attending this meeting.

The Repository (at the back of Church) has cards for all occasions including Easter cards.

Fair Trade Easter Sale after all Masses next weekend 17-18 March. Please support.

NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN: Contact **Stephanie** 737 6419 or bulletin@stlukesalford.org.uk

Mothering Sunday

"Lord, we ask on this day a blessing on all our Mothers whose Love and Untiring Patience is so much taken for granted."

A Mother's love is a reflection of God's Love

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain; it is made of deep and enduring love that may, for nothing can destroy it or take that love away. It is Patient and Forgiving when all others are forsaking, and it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking.

It believes beyond believing, when the world around condemns. And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest brightest gems.

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanations. And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation.

A many splendored miracle man cannot understand. And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

TO ALL OUR MUMS, THANK YOU!

PS. And just as a mother will never give up on her children, neither will God on us, "Even if a mother forgets the child of her womb, I will never forget YOU."

Mothers hold their children's hands for a while, but their hearts forever.

And now my favourites:

God could not be everywhere, so he made MOTHERS!

Men have Sight, Women have INSIGHT !!

Whatever women do, they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. THIS IS NOT DIFFICULT! Behind every successful man in this world is a woman who couldn't be more surprised!

And the last word to Billy, aged 8:

"My mum is the best gift I ever got!"



AND SO SAY ALL OF US

The National Novena to St Joseph is 10 - 18 March 2018. See the Poster (with list) on the Notice Board for more details.

Fr. John