

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is a day when we stop and remember mothers. We remember their kindness, their patience, and the quiet love they give day after day. Many of us first learned what love looks like through our mothers. They fed us, comforted us, and guided us, often without asking for anything in return.

When I think about Mothering Sunday, I sometimes think about my old cat, Jerry Lee, he lived a very long life, and during those years he had a gentle way of watching the world. One spring morning he was sitting in the garden, very still, the way cats often are. A mother blackbird was busy nearby, flying back and forth to her nest. In her beak she carried tiny worms for her hungry chicks. She never seemed to rest. Back and forth she went, again and again, Jerry Lee watched her carefully. He could have chased her, but he didn't. Perhaps even a cat could see that this was important work. The little birds in the nest were waiting for their mother, and she would not fail them.

It reminded me of how mothers are in our own lives. They are often busy with small things that no one else sees. Meals are made, clothes are washed, worries are listened to, and tears are wiped away. Much of this happens quietly, almost like the blackbird flying to her nest again and again, yet these small acts of love build a home and shape a life.

On Mothering Sunday we give thanks for all mothers, for those who are with us, and for those who now live in our memories and in God's care. We also remember those who have cared for us like mothers: grandmothers, teachers, friends, and all who have shown us gentle love.

As Jerry Lee sat in the garden that morning, the blackbird returned once more to her nest. The chicks chirped loudly, and the mother fed them with great care. It was a small moment, but it looked and felt like a little picture of love, quiet, faithful, and strong. And so today we say thank you.

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of mothers.

Thank you for their patience, their care, and the love they give so freely.

Bless the mothers who guide us, the mothers who worry for us,
and the mothers who pray for us.

Comfort those who miss their mothers today,
and bless all who show a mother's kindness to others.

May our hearts be full of gratitude, and may we learn to share the same gentle love with the people around us. Amen.



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THIS WEEK

Sat 14 th March	Lent Feria	4.00pm
Sun 15 th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent	9.30am
Mon 16 th March	Lent Feria	10.00am
Wed 18 th March	Lent Feria	10.00am
Fri 20 th March	Lent Feria	10.00am
Sat 21 st March	Lent Feria	4.00pm
Sun 22 nd March	Fifth Sunday of Lent	9.30am

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the national and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is

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For Your Diary
Milestone events in 2026 in our parish

Family Mass Saturday 14th March at 4pm.
Talk on “The Life & Work of St. Benedict”, Friday 20th March 7pm
First Holy Communion Saturday 6th June at 10.30am
Confirmation Tuesday 30th June at 6.00pm.



Chinthowa Easter Raffle,
tickets available £1 per strip.

To be drawn Palm Sunday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



If there are any children in **Year 3 and above** who wish to make their **First Holy Communion** on **June 6th and DO NOT attend St. Benedict's School &** if there are any children in **Year 6** who wish to make their **Confirmation on June 30th and DO NOT attend St. Benedict's School.** Parents will you please get in touch on **07502240034** in order that instruction on the sacraments may be arranged.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time;

*Gladys Richmond, Anthony Gibbon, Anne Mary Kelly,
Arthur James Holland , Gerard Conolly, Ray Symonds, Jim Grubb,
Liam McCann.*

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...



“The Life and Work of St. Benedict”
A Talk by Mgr. Michael Sharkey

Friday 20th March, 2026 at 7pm
St. Benedict's Community Hall, Owen Street,
Atherstone
Followed by tea & coffee

There are a few Easter Cards left



This year the money will go towards the
Chinthowa Feeding Programme



Family Mass
Saturday 14th March
at 4pm
St Benedict's Church
Atherstone

Collections

1st Collection	£ 159.97
2nd Collection	£ 80.68

TOTAL	£ 240.65
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