

Season of Lent: Sunday 4A

Mothering Sunday

General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord guides us along the right path and is true to his name.
With confidence, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For all Church leaders,
as they seek to make difficult decisions to protect their flocks:
for wisdom to know how to support their parishioners in new ways
until church services can take place again.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. On this Mothering Sunday, we pray for mothers and their families;
may they grow in love, and each day know the presence of God.
3. For our government and those advising them;
that their approach will be successful,
and their plans will protect the most vulnerable in society.
4. We pray for all who have become unwell with COVID-19;
that they can recover fully;
for all who work for our National Health Service;
may they remain healthy, and able to provide care to those who need it.
5. For a growth in community spirit;
that, although we cannot physically comfort people,
we will find new ways to support each other.
6. For all for whom COVID-19 brings financial uncertainty and worry;
may their homes and jobs be protected,
and may they bring their personal fears and concerns to the Lord.
7. For all teachers and students,
especially those who were due to sit exams;
may they feel secure that their futures will not be harmed by this,
and may solutions be found.
8. For all who are blind or who suffer with poor sight;
for those of us who are blessed with good sight,
that, with thanksgiving, we may be sensitive
to the needs of people who cannot see.

9. For those in care homes or who are housebound,
who may feel isolated, fearful, or confused;
may they feel the comfort of the love of God;
we pray also for those who care for them.
10. For ourselves, and all who are unable to attend gather in church to worship,
through this trial, may our faith will increase, our prayer life deepen,
and our witness of hope to those around us be powerful.
11. For our mothers who have died, and for all the faithful departed;
that God will gather us into the family of heaven.

Priest

God our Creator,
show forth your mighty works
in the midst of your people.
Enlighten your Church,
that we may know your Son
as the true light of the world
and through our worship confess him
as Christ and Lord,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

Parishes of Garstang & Scorton, 2020