

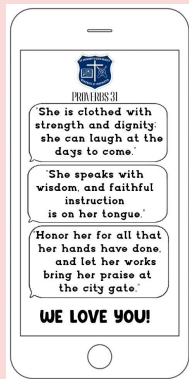


Celebrate Mother's Day and Special Women's Day

St Anthony's 2023



**Please place the beautiful student
created craft in a pile in the centre
of your prayer circle, or at the
front of your classroom.**

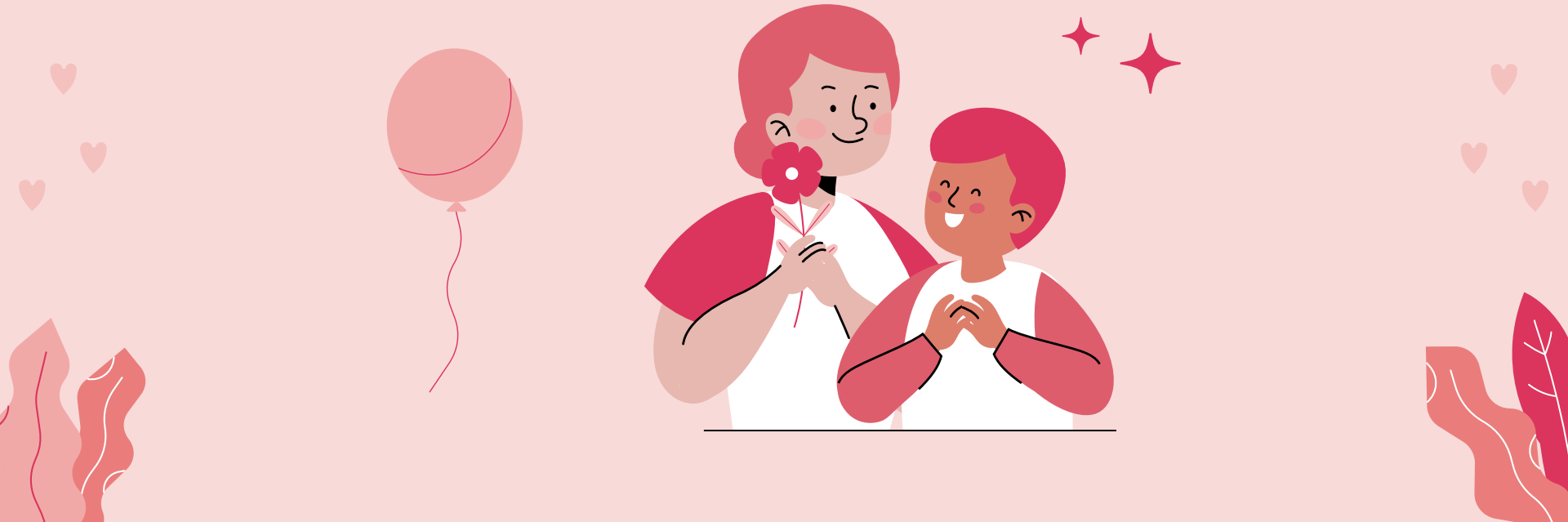


**In the name of
the Father, and
Son and the
Holy Spirit.**



Mothers Day and Special Women's Day

Mothers Day and Special Women's Day is where we celebrate wonderful women in our lives. These can be mothers, sisters, aunts, grandmas, cousins, friends, neighbours and so many more! We know and appreciate that all families look different, but all families are beautiful.



First Prayer

God of tender and caring love,
you are Mother and Father to us all.

In Mary, you gave us the model of mothers,
rejoicing in her child and loving him from before
he was born.

Bless our mothers and grandmothers and all who
are mother to us
as they bring your loving presence into this world.

We make this prayer through Mary and Elizabeth
and through your son, Jesus Christ.

Amen



The Story of Mary





Student Reflection

In the story of Mary:

- What were some times when Mary had to be really brave and strong?
 - What were some times that Mary experienced great joy or was very happy?
 - What did Mary find out before anyone else in the entire world?
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Mary had to hold Jesus when he cried.



Mary had to comfort Jesus when he was Sad.



Students share examples from their own life of these four concepts, and the women who did this for them.

Mary had to help Jesus when he was hurt.



Mary had to teach Jesus things he didn't know.



Hail Mary

**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Teacher: God loves us as a mother loves her children. We now ask God to hear our prayers for those who need help.



Prayers of the Faithful

Reader: For our mothers,
that they will be blessed by
God for the love and care
they give to us. Lord, hear
us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Prayers of the Faithful

Reader: That the women in our lives will be given courage as they teach us about God's love. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Prayers of the Faithful

Reader: That we can celebrate all Women for their achievements and the wonderful role they play in our world. Lord, Hear Us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Prayers of the Faithful

Reader: That all children will grow with Jesus through the love and care of a special adult. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Prayers of the Faithful

Reader: For people and families that Mother's Day is a sad day. May they find strength and love where they look for it. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Prayers of the Faithful

Reader: For the women we love who are with God in heaven. May they be at peace, looking down on us. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Blessing of Craft.

Students hold their hands out towards the prayer cards, or hold them in their hands to bless.



All together:

**May the Lord bless you in
times that are happy.**



All together:

**May the Lord bless you in
times that are tough.**



All together:

**May the Lord bless you in
times that are rewarding.**



All together:

**May the Lord bless you as
mothers.**



All together:

**May the Lord bless you as
sisters.**



All together:

**May the Lord bless you as
wonderful women.**



All together:

**May the Lord bless us all, to
love and care for the women
in our lives.**



**In the name of
the Father, and
Son and the
Holy Spirit.**



Think about who you will be giving your craft to!

How can you make this special? What might you say to this person when you do this? What will you thank them for?

