



MOTHERS' DAY

Catholic Education Sandhurst

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of all the lands across Sandhurst.

We pay our respect to elders past, present and future.

They hold the story, hope and dreaming for all.

We affirm the wisdom of this ancient culture.

It reminds us that God's Word is part of the whole of creation.

This message celebrates reconciliation with God, creation and all people.

May we continue to walk the message of love, joy, peace and reconciliation.



Because of her, we
can.

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A woman and a young girl are shown in profile, looking at each other with affection. The woman is on the left, and the girl is on the right. They are both smiling slightly. In the foreground, there are two wrapped gifts: a larger one in red with a green bow, and a smaller one in green with a gold bow. The background is a soft, light-colored wall.

Leader

We come together today to celebrate all the people who make up our families - especially our mothers and the women who nurture us.

Let us pray in a special way for God's continued blessing upon them.

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

All: **Amen**

Leader: **Peace be with you**

All: **And with your
Spirit**



Leader

Let us pray,

Loving God, pour out your blessing upon our mothers and those who are like mothers to us. They show us a glimpse of what you are like in your unconditional, tender love for us.

As we honour them today, we pray that the greatness of your love will continue to flow through faithful, loving women from generation to generation.

May the prayers of Mary our Mother and the gifts of a mother's love, help us to come closer to you.

We ask this through Christ the Lord

Amen



Leader:

Today's reading reminds us of the important attributes of love.

While you listen to these descriptions, think about the important people in your life who show you love.



1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Love is patient
Love is kind
Love is not jealous
is not proud
is not conceited
does not act foolishly
is not selfish
is not easily provoked to anger
keeps no record of wrongs
takes no pleasure in unrighteousness
but rejoices in the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things and endures all things.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Spiritual Reflection

Spend a few moments thinking about how your mums and the special people in your life show they love you.

How do you show that you appreciate everything they do for you and your family?

Share your thoughts with someone at school or at your home.

You may like to draw a picture about how your family show they love you.

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader

God is faithful, always loving and listening to us. Let us bring our needs before God, confident in God's loving care.

Reader 1

Faithful God,
Mothers are nurturers.

May we learn to nurture one another to grow in becoming the best people we can be.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer



Reader 2

Faithful God,

Mothers protect those in their care.

Help us to protect those who are weak and vulnerable in our school, our community and our world.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer

Reader 3

Faithful God,

Mothers are people who give.

May we learn to be givers and not takers: generous with our time and talents for the good of others.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer





Reader 4

Faithful God,

Mothers are a gift from you.

We pray your abundant blessing upon them all from generation to generation.

Lord hear us.

Lord hear our prayer.

Leader

Now it is time for you to say a special prayer for your mum or someone who really cares and loves you.

Leader

We entrust these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts to you, good and gracious God, believing in your love and care of us.

Amen



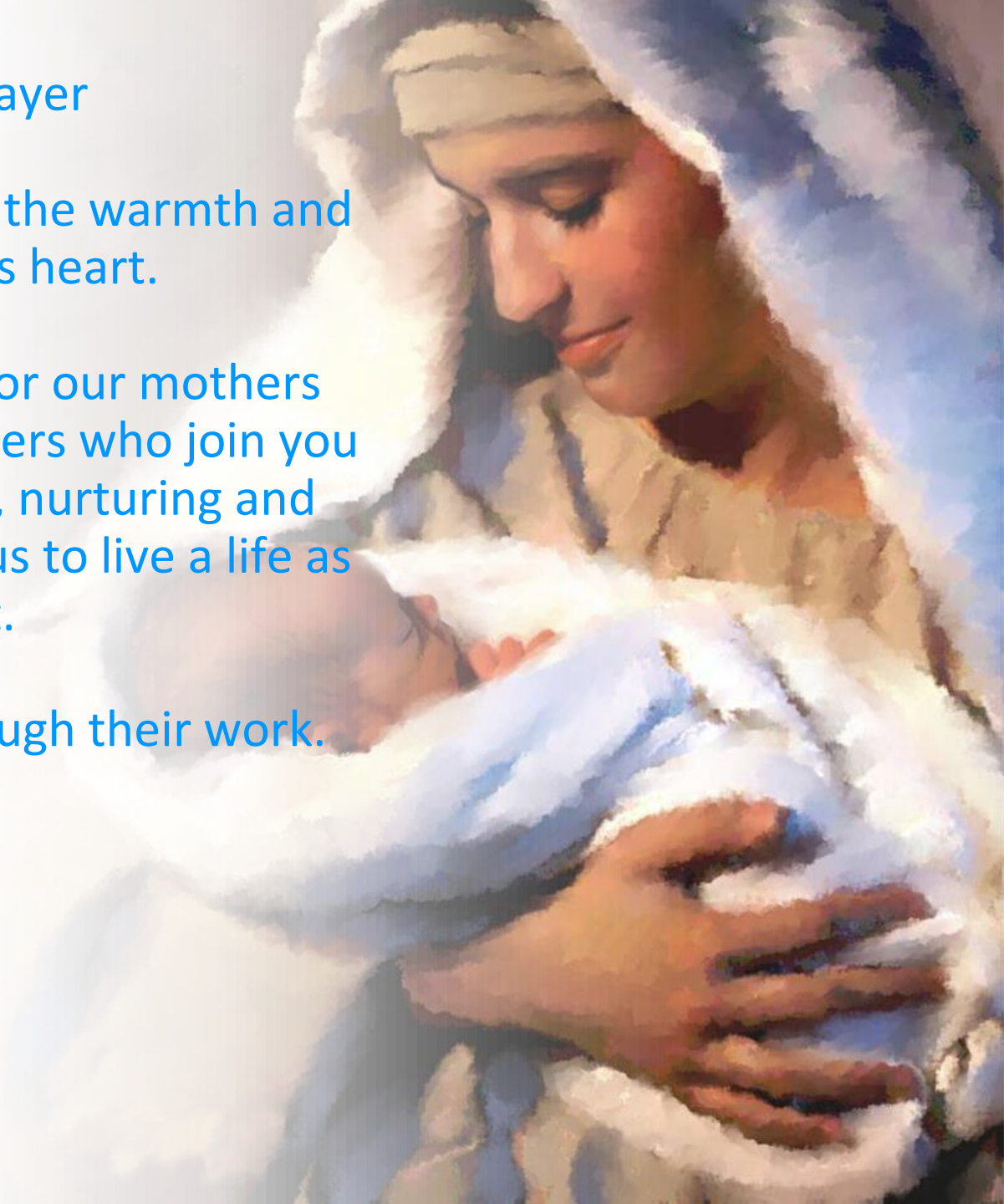
Concluding Prayer

God's most precious art is the warmth and love of a mother's heart.

We pray with gratitude for our mothers and all the women and carers who join you in strength, courage, joy, nurturing and understanding in guiding us to live a life as you taught.

You become human through their work.

Amen



Happy Mother's Day

