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**“MASS FOR YOU
AT HOME”**

Channel 10 at
6.00am.

Sunday morning

**Drivethru
Reconciliation**

Every
Saturday @ 5
pm



HAPPY Mother's DAY



Being a Mother

I became a mother for the first time with the birth of our daughter Eliza in 1984 and again in 1987 with the safe delivery of our son Jordan. Becoming a mother was an amazing time for Michael, myself, and our extended family. In fact, the joy was overwhelming! I have been supported and guided by inspirational women on this parenting journey - my own mother Carol, Grandmother Thelma, and mother-in-law Phyllis. I give thanks for them this Mother's Day. - Sharon

It means a lot to me being a mother

With my tribe of 5 it is one of the hardest but most rewarding things I have done in life. I am a cheerleader for every milestone they reach. Motherhood means plenty of sleepless nights, endless love -smothering hugs and kisses, it means never being left alone **even in the bathroom**, but also realising it is all completely worth it. Every day is an adventure, it is the hardest non-paying 24hr job I will ever do but it in the same breath is my biggest achievement. Your heart is filled with so much love you feel like it could explode. Motherhood is my love for my kids, my family my world. **HAPPY MOTHERS DAY** to all mums, nans, grandma's and carers and mother figures enjoy your day with the handmade gifts made from the heart and the breakfast in bed and a day just for you. You all do a great job and you are all amazing. Happy Mother's Day!! **Sam**

Motherhood, the best thing that ever happened to me

*When I sat down to write about what it is like to be a mother, my first thought was it is the best. Everything I do, I do for them. Georgina and Nicholas bring me hope, joy and laughter and without them, my life would not be complete. I continue to be inspired by own mother's love and guidance. **Jo***

The Gift of Motherhood

It is one of learning - to act unselfishly, to care without expecting anything in return; to notice and enjoy the small things; to meet new people and to most of all to know that there is always enough love for one more. **Tara**

Motherhood transformed my life

*Abstractly, becoming a mother was a huge shock to me and it required instant adjustment. Then that first intimidating look took my breath away. By God's Grace I was given the gift of unconditional love towards my child and I have remained utterly adoring ever since. Mothering irreversibly transformed me forever. All the while a holy fear of not wanting to impair such a precious gift, entrusted to me by God, never left me. **Karen***

Mothering

I had always wanted to be a mother. I loved mothering babies, toddlers, teenagers and now I love mothering adults. Fortunately, I had a wonderful mother. In her I learned unconditional love and forgiveness, she taught me how to pray and to trust in God. A legacy I hope to pass on to my own children. **amp**

When my first daughter was born, despite the pain and fatigue, I felt such a warmth and strength of love come into my heart and I knew, that this was a special moment that would last a lifetime. Expanding my family to three children was hard work, required a lot of patience and taught me how to drink and eat on the run and also how to survive on a minimum of sleep. But the rewards far outweigh the sacrifices. The love that is in a Mother's heart never wavers, never diminishes. Although our children grow up to lead independent lives, each milestone we celebrate with them, reinforces that love and our hearts swell with delight as they blossom and grow. **To all Mothers and those who care for children, have a wonderful Mother's Day**
Roslynn

Dear Mum,

Thank you for bringing me into the world. You are the best gift that nature gave me. Your womb provided me warmth, your arms held me, your lap gave me comfort. From nursing to nourishing, you cared for me. Your love is ever reassuring. You encourage me to pursue my dreams when I lack the strength. Looking back, you are always there. What would I have been today, without you? Thank you mum, you are the best!! -Yours sincerely,

Child



**Mary, Mother of God
Our Mother**

As we celebrate Mothers this Sunday I am sharing a reflection from Sr Joan Chittister OSB which inspired me and prompted me to a deeper reflection on Our Lady And her presence in my life.

“The feasts of Mary in the liturgical year are a virtual catalogue of the works of God in humanity and the collaboration of humanity in the Incarnation of the divine in our midst. Mary is, as the ancient prayer reminds us, “blessed among women.” She is simply a woman whose acceptance of the will of God changed the trajectory of humanity. Recognition of this relationship between God and humanity in the ongoing creation of the world is one of the most ancient teachings of liturgical theology. If it applies to Mary, it also applies to us.

The proper place for devotion to Mary is a clear one: she is the mother, the woman, the human participant in the work of redemption by her Son. She is the one who heard the Word of God in her heart and followed it to the end, whatever the cost to herself. By her unconditional commitment, she became the perfect recipient of God's will that each of us would like to be.”

It is in Mary that we see God's creative will being done. In Mary, God not only prevails over the inherent weakness of mortality but brings it to the fullness of life for all our sakes.

Mary is known as *Theotokos*— God Bearer.

Mary put her trust in God—let us embrace the words of the Responsorial Psalm (32) for this Weekend

‘Lord Let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you’
Blessings, Phil B

**Click on the Link Below
O Mary Mother of God—Christian Youth Artists**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSdLG0sHv3g>



**GOD'S BLESSING ON ALL
MOTHERS &
GRANDMOTHERS**



MAY DEVOTION

**Have you prayed your
Rosary today?**

It is May Devotion

FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE RECENT BUSHFIRES:

The Baptist Church is offering a professional and free counselling service for people who are still adjusting to and recovering from the trauma of the recent fires.

With the coronavirus adding additional strain on lives, people who may be feeling overwhelmed or simply needing someone to talk to, can access this free and confidential service.

For appointments please ring Rob on 0414 577 500.

Pastoral & Spiritual Care Home Delivery

With the gradual relaxing of the isolation restrictions in NSW beginning, Fr Martins is offering a Pastoral visit to any parishioner who would like to receive pastoral and spiritual care at home. Please phone Fr Martins on 4472 4153 or mobile 0457 063 466 to arrange a time that suits.

Mass – Celebrated in church every day for the intention of all parishioners. Please send your intentions to Fr Martins and if you are interested in having your photo placed on your seat in the church, please contact the office on 4472 4153.

e-WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

- * **Parish Connect**—Sunday 4 pm
- * **Singalong**—Monday 1pm
- * **Bible Studies/Faith Formation** - Wednesday 9.30 am

You are welcome to join.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you for your generous giving by direct debit and cash contributions through the Parish office. This is helping to sustain the Parish.

If you would like to join the e-platform, the bank details are listed as follows:

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Remembering the Sick: Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Joan, Robert Craddy, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Mary Carter. Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

**Pope Francis' Monthly
Prayer Intention
MAY**

FOR DEACONS
We pray that Deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church

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in the Parish Community:

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Anniversaries: Robert Pacion, Mila

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