

Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

4th Sunday
of Lent

John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a blind man. This miracle was amazing. He healed the blind man, told his followers that it was not the man's fault he was blind. In the times of Jesus, people thought that anyone who was blind or sick was being punished by God. We know that is not true so what does this gospel mean to us today?



Jesus explained that this was not how God works. He told them that this man was blind so that he could be healed by Jesus and show everyone God's power. The healed man was seen by his neighbours and friends and they heard how Jesus has cured him. Just as light entered into the life of the blind man, Jesus also says in this gospel that he is the light of the world.

Mothering Sunday

The 4th Sunday of Lent has always been Mothering Sunday. At first this was the day when people would go back to their 'mother' church, which was the cathedral. Also children who were servants in the big houses would be given the day off and there were often reunions at the cathedral when they met up with their families. As they walked along the country lanes they would pick wild flowers and violets to give as a gift.

Nowadays we celebrate it by remembering all the things our mothers do for us throughout the year.

What have you got planned for today? Will you help lay the table for dinner or put your toys away without being asked?

Have a think about all the things your mother does for you and find something you can do for her today.

Write an acrostic poem thanking your Mum.

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Superhero—Moses

The life of Moses is full of times when Moses did amazing things with the help of God: He parted the Red Sea, allowing the Jewish people to cross the river without getting wet. He led the Jews through the desert for 40 years and spoke to God many times.

We hear about Moses in the second book of the Bible, which is called the Exodus. In the first reading today we hear about the time when Moses climbs the mountain to talk to God and returns with two tablets of stone on which are written the Ten Commandments. These laws told the Jews how they should be behaving and what God expected from them.

We still use the Ten Commandments as a way of life now and many of our laws are based on them. How many do you know?



The Sanctuary



The sanctuary is the area at the front of the church where the altar and cross are located, and the area around it that is usually raised.

Also included are the priest's chair and altar servers' seats. The lectern where the readings are proclaimed is also part of the sanctuary. This area is a particularly sacred space within our Catholic church. Can you find the Sanctuary in our church?

Do you know the name of the area of the church where members of the parish sit? If you are not sure, ask your parents or Father.