



ST COLUMBA'S FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

HELLO FAMILIES OF ST COLUMBA'S



I'm guessing there may be some preparations underway to celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday – if not, it's never too late to get started! It is a day to celebrate, salute, appreciate and give thanks for our mothers, whether they are new mums, step mums or experienced grandmothers, whether they are still with us or gone before us.

In the UK, Mother's Day is linked to the older Mothering Sunday. According to Christian tradition Mothering Sunday is held on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It was originally a time when people returned to their "mother church"; the church or cathedral where they were baptised or attended services when they were children. Most people celebrating Mother's Day may be thinking more of their mother's, rather than Mother Church, but whichever is top of the list, both Mother's Day and Mothering Sunday surely should celebrate love. In St Paul's Letter to the early Christians at Corinth he wrote about some of the qualities of love – the ways in which love is shown.

Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.
Love doesn't strut,
Doesn't have a swelled head,
Doesn't force itself on others,
Isn't always "me first,"
Doesn't fly off the handle,
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn't revel when others grovel,
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the best,
Never looks back,
But keeps going to the end.

(I Corinthians 13, from The Message translation)



This Sunday the live-stream service is a little different – with a pre-recorded sermon from Rt Revd Dr Martin Fair, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Last week I told you about his photographic challenge to find crosses, “Hidden in plain sight.” Check out the details

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/connect/moderators-photo-competition> As Dr Fair suggests: The only limit is your imagination. Open your eyes and you'll see that the Cross is all around you.

Thank you to Fiona for providing activities for Sunday. Hope you had a great first week back at school. Hope you have some excellent Mother's Day celebrations and see you on Mothering Sunday.

Angus & the Sunday School Team

