

FAMILY RESOURCES

MARY MOTHER OF JESUS

THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS: *Mary in the temple (Luke 2: 33-35)*

Core extract from the Gospel (Luke 2: 33-35; for reflection throughout the week)

The child's father and mother
were amazed at what was being said about Jesus.
Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary,
'This child is destined
for the falling and the rising of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be opposed
so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed –
and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)

Lord Jesus Christ,
your mother Mary was truly blessed among women,
as she stood alongside you in pain and suffering.
Inspire our lives by Mary's example,
that we may share her dedication and her joy;
now and always.
Amen.

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Things to think about

- How does your mother care for you?
- How do you think Mary felt about Jesus' importance?
- Have you seen any paintings or sculptures of Mary? How is she portrayed?

Things to do

- Make a card for your mum to say thank you.
- Make a painting/sculpture of your mum.
- Paper Mary and Jesus.

You will need: blue and white paper, glue, pencil, scissors, wool or string.



Cut the white paper in half and fold, concertina style, along the long edge.



Fold the whole piece of blue paper along the long edge, concertina style.

Fold and glue the inside edges together with each piece of paper. If you want to make a hanging decoration, punch a hole in the top of the blue paper.



Tie the string around the neck of each character and spread out the skirts.

Cut out the face shapes and draw features before gluing and sticking the tab inside the folds.

Why not share your creations with us? We would love to see what you have been up to! Please email any photos to education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk or tag @LivCathedral on social media.

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