



**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you and your families this fourth week of Lent. This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day. It is a special day dedicated to our maternal mothers but also to those wonderful women in our lives that nurture and care for us in many different ways.

We have all heard the old African phrase 'It takes a village to raise a child' and that is so true and prevalent in today's society.

When we sit back and examine how many women we have had in our lives, how many women are in our lives and the role they play, it is quite extraordinary. Mothers come in all forms from the maternal, to extended families, aunts, cousins, friends, teachers, neighbours, work colleagues and many more.

This weekend I invite you to celebrate all the women in your lives and to sincerely thank them for their care, love, and support. When we give love, we receive that back in many different ways. Do the unexpected this week and watch how God blesses you.

I wish all Mother's here, far away, and those in heaven a happy Mothering Sunday. May almighty God and Our Lady keep you under the mantel of their love always.

Yours affectionately,

Rev Fr Nicholas Nwanzi