

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March @ 10am

### Readings

Exodus 2 1-10

2 Corinthians 1 3-7

John 19 25b-27

### Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Thought for the Week God's Choice

However much or little we understand about Jesus' mother Mary, several things are certain: God chose her, above all women, to bear his Son.

God's power is infinite; he could have chosen to save the world through Jesus without involving Mary. But he chose her. At a time when women did not have a high standing in society, he chose to give Mary that unique place in his plans. Mary was very special to Jesus.

Jesus was God: he did not need a mother; but he loved and cherished Mary. And the love was reciprocated: deserted at Calvary by so many of his disciples, Mary was still there; and it would take real courage for a woman to stay by the cross: how much more, when the victim was her son!