

Mothering Sunday this year is very different for all of us especially as we are more or less on lockdown. But we need to have faith and support each other as well as our children. So to mothers a Happy mothering Sunday and we are all grateful for the love that you have showed us.

One of the best gifts we can offer children is the same gift God gives us...the security of love, and the stability of secure family connections. We offer them security by letting them know that no matter what happens, no matter how much they mess us...we still love them. Jesus says we must show love just as he shows his love for us. The point is that we love.

Sometimes our love and concern is misunderstood by children. Let me share with you a great true story:

A mother was sending her son off to school ; he was walking but did not want her to walk with him. She wanted to support his independence, but also to assure his safety! She had an idea.

She asked a neighbour to follow her son to school in the mornings, staying at a distance so that he would not likely notice her. The neighbour agreed and the next morning she took her toddler son and set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbour girl he knew. She did this for a full week.

As you would suspect, Timmy's friend noticed that the same lady was following them, as she had done all week. She said to Timmy 'Have you noticed that lady following us to school every day? Do you know her?' Timmy replied, 'Yes, I know who she is.' 'That's Shirley Goodnest & her daughter Marcy'.'

His friend asked, 'Who the heck is she & why is she following us?' 'Well, Timmy explained, every night my Mother makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, because she worries about me so much. In that Psalm it says "Shirley Goodnest & Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life" so I suppose I just have to get used to it!!'

May the Lord bless and keep all Mothers; may He make his face to shine upon you & be gracious to you. May he lift His countenance upon you & give you peace. May YOU be comforted and Mothered. Though you have spent your life taking care of others, may you also take care of yourself especially at this time. May you be pampered by small indulgences, and may you know the quiet and soothing grace of simplicity. God bless you.