



Instituted in 2018 by Pope Francis, this memorial honours Mary as Mother of the Church, reminding us that she, who gave birth to Christ the Head, also lovingly watches over His Body - the Church. In the Gospel, from the Cross, Jesus entrusts His mother to John: "Behold, your mother" (Jn 19:27). In that moment, Mary's motherhood extends beyond Jesus to all His disciples. She becomes the mother of all who follow her Son. In Acts, we find Mary with the apostles in the upper room, praying and waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14). She is present not as a distant figure, but as a mother, encouraging, interceding, and uniting the early Church. Like any good mother, Mary leads us to her Son. She

strengthens the Church not with power, but with faith, tenderness, and unwavering trust. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Mary is our model of faithful Hope. Guide us with a mother's care, strengthen us in times of trial and lead us ever closer to your Son, Jesus Christ. Have a blessed week ahead.