

Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 July

This weekend is Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 July, beginning the Fourteenth Week of Ordinary Time.

The monks of the Abbey of Keur Moussa sing Psalm 114, "I love the Lord, he hears my cry, he bends down to listen to me when I call" words which paint a beautiful picture of God bending down to me like a mother or father bending down to their child, full of tenderness and love. As I listen, I reflect for a moment on that "tender, loving care" that love that God has for me and the love which I, in return, have for God.

This weekend's reading is from the Prophet Isaiah.

In this reading, Jerusalem signifies the newly rebuilt Temple, where the Israelites experienced most deeply and most physically, their relationship with God. In this image we are invited to see God as our Mother in whose womb we were created. Can you turn to God as your mother? Can you let God comfort you as a mother would?

God your mother wants to feed you with the food you most need. Is this view of God challenging for you?

As you listen again, can you rejoice that God is looking after you?

Talk to God now as your mother. Your mother who wants you to flourish?