

Station four: Jesus meets his blessed mother

We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.
Because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary of Magdala.

John 19:25

The Blessed Virgin Mary knew the pain of being a refugee with a new born infant. She and St Joseph fled to Egypt with the child Jesus to escape the murderous King Herod. St Joseph fled after his dream, making the journey with haste to ensure that his wife and baby son were kept safe.

Refugee mothers giving birth today face the same unimaginable uncertainty. A time which should be full of joy is instead filled with fear for the safety of the precious gift given to new parents. This is an injustice no one should have to experience.

We pray for all refugee mothers who are trying to raise their young families in the face of danger. May these families be protected under the care of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who lived this experience themselves.

I love you, Jesus, my love above all things,

And I repent with my whole heart of having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again,

Grant that I may love you always, and then do with me what you will.

