

*We add our prayers to those who pray for the Queen on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Bishops have "decreed" that we as a Church pray for her on her official birthday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, using the old prayer for the Queen... now there's a memory test: who remembers the prayer that was sung at the end of the mass each Sunday... "Domine, salve fac ..." Yes in those days we even used a foreign language! Anyway, we'll also offer a bidding prayer today for the Queen... whatever your politics, no one can deny that she is indeed "a gracious lady".*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

9.30am    Joe Robinson (A)  
11.00am    Barbara Cross (Birthday)  
6.30pm    Stephen Rainford Intentions (FM)

**Weekday Masses**

Mon. 8.30am    Walmsley family (FM)  
Tues. 8.30am    John Lilley (LD)  
Wed. 8.30am    Dotie Keegan (LD)  
Thurs. 8.30am    Lotte Suchanek (A)  
Fri. 8.30am    A sick person  
Sat. 8.30am    Silvio Rossi Intentions

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

9.30am    Robert & Clare Wane (Golden Wedding)  
11.00am    Maureen Omerod (A)  
6.30pm    Hugh Daly Intentions

**Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters**

Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret Wood · Harold Sutton · Josie Down · Mary Campbell · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh O'Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · Howard Line · Maureen Mclver · Bill Burns · Tony Hardiman

Sadly, we record David Lynch's death (58) on Wednesday last. We offer our sympathy to Barbara and all his family and pray for his eternal rest. The funeral will be celebrated here on Thursday at 11.15am.

**Offertory**

Thank you for last week's collection of £1002, and for the special collection for the Priest Training Fund of £431.

**Baptism**

Today we welcome in baptism Ava Rose Turner and remember her and her family in our prayers.

**Coffee Morning**

The Youth Group invite you for coffee after the 11.00am mass this morning. Proceeds are in aid of the Lourdes fund which supports our young people who go with the pilgrimage each summer to help the sick. The Youth Group are leading the liturgy of the Word at the Masses today and will tell us of the progress they are making.

**Father Firth**

I saw Fr. Firth last week and he is remarkably well – saying mass each morning for some of the Sisters and fellow residents. He sends his greeting and best wishes to all – and asks that you keep him in your prayers as he keeps us all here in Weldbank in his.

**Any teachers retiring this Summer?**

The Cathedral are looking for volunteers to join their team of qualified teachers to offer two hours per month taking children on an educational tour of the Cathedral. Go on... you'll be bored stiff before September is out!! Email enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk with your details and someone will contact you.

**Europe**

Just to add to all the commentary, Friday is the feast of St. Catherine of Sienna, the Patron of Europe – a prayer to her might help the EU discussions! (Incidentally – although from Sienna, Catherine's body is buried in Rome, in the church near the Pantheon...!)

**Ministering to the Assembly**

**Counters** (25<sup>th</sup> April)    Terence Donnelly and Bernard Kiley

**Rotas**    (1<sup>st</sup> May, Sixth Sunday of Easter)

**S.A.S.**    Sandra Donnelly, Madge Martin, May West

**Dial a Ride**    Taxi and Kevin Masterson

**Readers**    Pauline Doyle

Sharon Hobin

Linda Corcora

**Ministers**    Christine Crossen

Linda Walmsley

Caroline Straw

Margaret Scard

David Chadwick

Carol Hardman