

We add our prayers to those who pray for the Queen on her 90th birthday. The Bishops have "decreed" that we as a Church pray for her on her official birthday, 12th 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 24th 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 1st 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 (25th April) Terence Donnelly and Bernard Kiley

Rotas (1st 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