

Mothing Sunday

*Mothing Sunday (rather than the American "Mother's Day") has been celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent (mid-Lent Sunday) since the 16<sup>th</sup> century: servants were given the day off to go home to visit their mothers bringing them a present of a cake (simnel) or spring flowers. So, today we give thanks to all mothers – you've seen the front page before, but to me it sums up best all that you are as mothers.... have a lovely day and be spoiled!*

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Anne Critchley (A)  
11.00am John and Elizabeth Watmough  
6.30pm Frank Wrennall

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8.30am Jack Critchley (A)  
Tues.8.30am In Thanksgiving  
Wed. 8.30am Geraldine Ellis  
Thur. 8.30am Edward & Kathleen Mould  
Fri. 8.30am William Higgins (A)  
Sat. 8.30am David Lynch

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am David Bury (LD)  
11.00am Ronny Higham (A)  
6.30pm In Thanksgiving (Our Lady of Lourdes)

**Sunday 3.00pm Holy Hour**

**4.00pm Benediction**

**Friday 7.00pm Stations of the Cross**

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 and Fred Wood · Harold Sutton · Josie Down · Mary Campbell · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh O'Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · David Woods · Frank Morris · David Lynch · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · John Lilley · Howard Line · Maureen McIver

Baptism

Today we welcome in Baptism Logan and Lexi Dacey – may the Lord bless them and their family.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £959, and thank you for the Lenten Fast Day collection of £970... which will help to turn the tap on ("Water Aid") somewhere in the world. The bucket will remain open until the end of Lent – as will the Lenten Alms collection and the Good Shepherd fund in School.

Dementia

I suspect we have in some way all experienced the effect of this illness. The Diocese has committed us first to become aware of this illness which affects a million people in this country, and secondly to support those (and their families) who suffer from it. One day courses in how we can do this are being organised – contact Maureen Knight (0151 522 1046 or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk). Five of our old priests live now in a dementia unit in Liverpool... it is sad to visit them... until you sit down with them for mass... then the familiar words "in the name of..." bring them back to the present... please pray for and support all who live with this sickness.

First Confession

Next Sunday some thirty of our schoolchildren will make their first confession... they will celebrate the "mercy", "forgiveness", of God who is their loving Father... would that we had learnt that rather than, as many of us did, find a God who was a strict judge waiting to condemn and punish us. Last Sunday a group of our young parishioners shared with them the joy of this gospel message. I was enormously impressed to hear them explain to the children the meaning of this sacrament of forgiveness.

Walsingham

The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham (one of the oldest shrines to Mary) will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't been before, now is the chance to join the Chorley group in this Jubilee Year celebrating God's mercy. Contact J. Noblett.

Youth

The next "social" will be held here on 18<sup>th</sup> instead of the last Friday of the month... (which is Good Friday). All welcome.

Chrism Mass

Our altar servers are going to share this cathedral celebration on the Wednesday of Holy Week. If you would want to join them, will you please sign up for the coach – if there are enough for a full coach we will organise one for the parish – otherwise I will pass on the names to the Deanery coach! **But please – by the end of this week!**

200 Club

The winners of the February draw are: 3<sup>rd</sup> prize (£20) Janine Denham 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (£30) Kerry Paxter 1<sup>st</sup> prize (£50) Will Stevenson

Ministering to the Assembly

**Counters** (7<sup>th</sup> March) Terence Donnelly and Bernard Kiley

**Rotas** (13<sup>th</sup> March)

**S.A.S.** Mary Wakeman and Liz Fowler

**Dial a Ride** Taxi and Rick Gillett

**Readers** Marissa Sanders

**Ministers** Clare Meredith

Margaret Scard

Elizabeth Green

Linda Walmsley

Sharon Hobin

Mary Mark

Terry Turner

Carol Hardman