



The Parish of Our Lady & St John & Christ the King

Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote

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PARISH BULLETIN: 28 /05 /2017. ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A) Psalter Wk. 3

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 21/05/17 = £512.80p Many thanks to all who regularly support our two churches.

Sunday Mass times	6.00pm (Sat)	10.00am	11.30(Woodcote)
READERS 27-28 May	J O'Donohue	MacIntosh Family	Mayer Family
" 3-4 June	Walker Family	M & J Shinkwin	Heath Family
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group D (Goring)	S Lewin/R Metcalf (Woodcote)	////////////////////
Counters (next 3 weeks)	29 May - C Gregory	5 June - C Quinton	12 June - J Vilk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION of children of the parish will be on Sunday, 11 June at 10.00am in Our Lady & St John church.

PRAYERS FOR: Dom Antony Tumelty, Ray Lynch, Helen Brown, Michael Browne, Mary Hoban, Rev Paul & Liz Boughton,

ST BARNABAS SOCIETY - This weekend we welcome Mr Cyprian Blaymires to the parish. He will be speaking to us at every Mass about the work and financial support the Society gives to clergy who have converted to Catholicism and suffer serious loss of income as a consequence.



SAINTS OF THIS WEEK-
Justin(100-165AD). Early Christian theologian and martyr. His writings that have survived are clear, well-argued and significant.

Marcellinus & Peter -Two Roman martyrs who died in 304AD during the last & worst persecution of the Church before legalisation in 313AD.
Charles Lwanga - (d.1885-86) He and 99 other Christians were put to death in most cruel ways by King Mwanga of Uganda, who had a deep hatred of Christianity. Uganda is now one of the most strongly Christian countries in Africa.

The joy of the disciples after the "Ascension" corrects our image of this event. "Ascension" does not mean departure into a remote region of the cosmos but rather the continuing closeness that the disciples experience so strongly that it becomes a source of lasting joy. Before Jesus' departure a conversation takes place in which the disciples -still trapped in their old ideas- ask whether the time has come for the kingdom of Israel to be established. Jesus counters this notion of restored Davidic kingdom with a promise and a commission. The promise is that they will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit; the commission is that they are to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. The questioning about times and seasons is explicitly rejected. Speculation over history; looking ahead into the unknown future -these are not fitting attitudes for a disciple. Christianity is the present; it is both gift and task. (Pope Benedict XVI)

MAY DEVOTIONS
The Rosary before the Mass on weekdays, will be followed during the month of May by the Litany of Our Lady and the prayer to St Joseph.

SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 27 May -
6.00pm - Parish
Sun 28 - **ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
10.00am -
11.30am - (Woodcote)
4.00pm - *Wedding Rehearsal*
Mon 29 - feria
10.00am -
Tue 30 -feria
9.30am -
Wed 31 - **Visitation of Our Lady**
9.30am -
Thu 1 June - St Justin, Martyr
9.30am -
No Mass at Woodcote today

Sunday Hymns
400
465
312
275

Fri 2 - SS Marcellinus & Peter
9.00am - **No Holy Hour today**
10.00am - *Mass*
Sat 3 - St Charles Lwanga & Companions
2.00pm - *Marriage of Thomas Sheeran & Jennifer Kirby*
6.00pm - Parish
Sun 4 - **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
10.00am -
11.30am - (Woodcote)

Confessions - 11.00-11.30am and after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday. Confessions at Woodcote; 12.00-12.30pm **on 3rd Saturday of each month.** Confession is also available at other times on request.

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