



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



Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote

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PARISH BULLETIN: 3/12/2017. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Ps Wk 1

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 26/11/17 (Envs & cash) = £406.15p Thank you to all who support our two churches.

Sunday Mass times	6.00pm (Sat)	10.00am	11.30(Woodcote)
Readers : 2-3 Dec	L Ellis	C V Cole/H Nathanielsz	E Hupé/F Preston
" 9-10 Dec	Knollys Family	Bermingham Family	MM Griffiths/Gregory
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group A (Goring)	Mrs Allen	////////////////////
Counters (next 3 weeks)	4/12 - S Jones	11/12 - C Holliday	18/12 - W O'Connell

HIGH MASS (in the traditional Latin form) for the patronal Feast of **ST BIRINUS**, at the parish church, Dorchester on Thames, Tue 5th Dec at 7.30am.

Fr Jacob is getting over a severe winter cold and hopes to be with us next week.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Solemnly defined on 8th December, 1854 this dogma of faith was the culmination of hundreds of years of devotion, discussion and expression in works of art, sacred images, festive celebrations and theological writings. They had all combined to develop this central truth regarding the Virgin Mary. Writing sometime after the event, Dr McHale, Archbishop of Armagh who was present in Rome along with hundreds of other prelates from all over the world was greatly moved by the occasion. He recalled that in the days before the ceremony it had rained in torrents. But on the 8th the sun shone brightly. It was to him a marvellous indication of divine approval.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for; Miriam Pereira, Rosemary Allun, Rev Paul Boughton, Mary Hoban, Betty Browne, Helen Brown, Michael Browne and Jenny Logan.

PARISH DIARIES for 2018 are available free, on the table in church.

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION - the 5-yearly official check on church buildings and house required by the Diocese took place on Thursday 29th. A report will be sent to us

CATHOLIC YOUTH COLLECTION - £120.40p received with thanks.

FEASTS & SAINTS THIS WEEK;
Birinus - Sent by Pope Honorius in 635 to evangelize Wessex (west Saxons). He became first bishop of Dorchester, the centre of the church in this region. His shrine was in the abbey before the time of Henry VIII.
Nicholas - 4th century martyr bishop in Myra (now E Turkey: The original Santa Claus, because of his kindness.
Ambrose - (339-397) Bishop of Milan. A powerful leader and intellectual.
Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin - had a vision of Our Lady at Guadalupe in Mexico. now its national shrine.

St Anne's & St Martin's RC Primary Schools - Our parish has no RC state school. Two such good schools are located not far away in Caversham. Ofsted have rated them "good" with strong SATS results. My two children went to St Martin's. Like many Catholic schools they have a wonderful ethos emphasizing, love, learning and inclusion. They both require good governors to guide strategy and help development. Experience in education is not essential to this role. Leadership, business and finance are ideal skills, which -if added to education- would make a great combination. Below is my name and contact details. Similarly if you have young children and might be interested in providing them with a good Catholic education a show-round of the schools might just convince you. My contact details are:
William.a.quinton@gmail.com (07990 5231630)
 Websites <http://www.stmartinscaversham.co.uk> and <http://www.st-annes.reading.school.uk>

HEALTH & SAFETY

This is an area of admin that came up in the context of the parish audit. It requires someone who understands something of the subject to check that we are doing the right things in regard to it. Any offers to take it on?

SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 2 December: 6.00pm - Parish
 Sun 3 - FIR ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 10.00am - Jenny Logan Int
 11.30am - Michael O'Connell RIP
 Mon 4 - feria
 10.00am -
 Tue 5 - St Birinus
 9.30am - Maureen Sapstead RIP
 Wed 6 - feria (St Nicholas)
 9.30am - Special Int
 Thu 7 - St Ambrose
 9.30am - Manuel de Mantero RIP
 12.00 -

Sunday Hymns
62
25
493
644

Fri 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00am - *Holy hour, followed by Mass.*

10.00am -

Sat 9 - feria

6.00pm - Parish

Sun 10 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00am -

11.30am -

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.