



The Catholic Parish of
Our Lady & St John, Goring-on-Thames
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DECEMBER Sunday 6	ADVENT II	Goring (Latin) Goring Woodcote	8.00am Fr KM intention 10.00am Parish and people 11.30am Gillian Pereira (anniv.)
Monday 7	St Ambrose	Goring	10.00am Kevin Lynch (sick)
Tuesday 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	Woodcote Goring	12.00pm Brompton Oratory fathers 6.00pm Lourdes
Wednesday 9	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	Goring	9.30am Fr MT's intentions
Thursday 10	St Edmund Gennings	Woodcote	12.00pm Aid to the Church in Need
Friday 11	St Damasus I	Goring	9.00am <i>HOLY HOUR</i> 10.00am Peter Badge RIP
Saturday 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Goring	5.15pm <i>CONFESSIONS</i> 6.00pm Farnborough Abbey
Sunday 13	ADVENT III	Goring (Latin) Goring Woodcote	8.00am Fr KM intention 10.00am Parish and people 11.30am Fr JL intention

The priests are always delighted to receive requests for Mass intentions. Please let them know about the ill and housebound. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways. Collections are being counted monthly at the moment. The church buildings are disinfected between Masses and other safety precautions are in place. Please follow the stewards' guidance.

ADVENT IS HERE

This most gorgeous time of the Church's year is with us once again. Rather like Lent and Easter, our celebration of the feast of Christmas will depend in some measure on how well and how faithfully we manage to pray the weeks of Advent. The best way, of course, is to pray the Mass but there is a lot that can be done at home. Why not borrow an Office Book and pray Morning and Evening Prayer (Lauds and Vespers?) The *Walk with me* booklets from the diocese are available at the back of our churches as are some children's activities.

HOLY COMMUNION

The second class will take place on Thursday at 4.30pm.

PRAYERS PLEASE ...

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Betty, Dee, Elizabeth, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Kitty, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Patricia, Kevin.

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

The parishes in the diocese received a message from His Grace yesterday about a serious matter and asked us to pass on his message in appropriate way. It concerns a court case in the news. I do not think it is right to go into the details at the end of Mass in front of congregations of mixed ages. I will email it round with this newsletter later on today. If you do not have access to email and would like to see a copy, please let me know.

CHRISTMAS PLANS

The plan for keeping the feast is fairly busy. There will be three Masses on the evening of Christmas Eve and three on Christmas morning:

5.00pm Vigil Mass (Goring)
7.30pm Mass of the Night (W)
10.00pm Mass of the Night (G)
8.00am Mass of the Dawn (G)
10.00am Mass of the Day (G)
11.30am Mass of the Day (W)

Obviously we would have a huge problem if everyone comes to one and not to the others! Please contact me as soon as you can to put your names down. It would be a kindness if we can spread the load. The figures at present: 5pm - 19/40; 7.30pm - 24/50; 10pm - 15/40; 8am - 2/40; 10am - 12/40; 11.30 - 7/50.

PARISH CARDS

During the next fortnight a card from the three churches in Goring will be delivered to village doors. If you can help drop these through letterboxes please let me know. They are sitting in St Thomas's at waiting for the right moment.

CYBERSPACE

To find our on-line worship please look for the **Kenneth Macnab** YouTube channel or the **Goring and Woodcote Catholic Parish** page on Facebook.

THE VOTIVE LAMPS

... burn during December for Kerry Harding, for the Walker family and for Peter Mortimer at Goring and for the Sims family at Woodcote.