



*The Catholic Parish of  
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**SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER 2020**

DECEMBER Sunday 27	THE HOLY FAMILY	Goring (Latin) Goring Woodcote	8.00am Nursing profession (AMH) 10.00am Parish and people 11.30am Pat Ashton's intentions
Monday 28	HOLY INNOCENTS	Goring	10.00am Unborn children (SPUC & Life charity)
Tuesday 29	ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY	Goring	6.00pm Parish priests
Wednesday 30	Feria (of St John the Evangelist)	Goring	9.30am Founders & benefactors of our parish
Thursday 31	Feria	Woodcote	12.00pm In thanksgiving
JANUARY Friday 1	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Circumcision of the Lord)	Goring Goring	9.00am Holy Hour & Benediction 10.00am Our parishioners
Saturday 2	Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	Goring Goring	5.15pm Confessions 6.00pm Benedict Ward & Martha Harrison
Sunday 3	CHRISTMAS II	Goring (Latin) Goring Woodcote	8.00am Parish and people 10.00am Fr JL intention 11.30am Fr KM intention

The priests are always delighted to receive requests for Mass intentions. In particular, there are several opportunities next week to ask for a Mass for family and friends. Please let us know about the ill and housebound. Holy Communion has been taken to quite a few friends who are shielding or housebound in the past couple of days but this is always available. Please let the priests know of anyone who would appreciate a call. The church buildings are disinfected between Masses and other safety precautions are in place. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many different ways.

**CHRISTMAS-TIDE IS  
WITH US**

One of the saddest sights imaginable is the pile of Christmas decorations put out for the bin lorry on 26 December. The Christmas season has only just begun. Fr Kenneth and Fr Jacob wish all our parishioners and friends the happiest and most blessed of seasons. This week we keep the feasts of the Octave of the Nativity; we look forward to the Epiphany on 6 January (have you spotted the Magi marching round the churches?) and, of course, in one sense Christmas-tide is with us until the 40th day on the feast of Candlemas, as we are reminded in today's Gospel.

**CHRISTMAS THANKS**

Fr Kenneth and Fr Jacob would like to thank everyone who was so kind and so generous in so many ways over the last few days. It is profoundly humbling and appreciated from the bottom of our hearts. We will say Mass for you all.

More than that, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard, often in totally unseen ways, to make Christmas a time when we could worship God as well as we were able. If I start singling people out I am guaranteed to forget someone! You know who you are. It was a wonderful team effort; our churches looked terrific and our arrangements, I hope, as safe as possible.

**TIER 4**

I was so sorry for our Berkshire friends who were confined to quarters last week. Now that Oxfordshire is in Tier 4 too, in a funny way it will bring the parish back together. Communal worship - whether in churches, synagogues or mosques - is explicitly allowed even under Tier 4 regulations so long as the usual precautions are in place.

We will continue to broadcast every Mass on the **Goring and Woodcote Catholic Parish** page on Facebook and post a recording subsequently on the **Kenneth Macnab** YouTube channel. I hope that you find this useful. I live in hope for the day when itg will be redundant.

**PRAYERS PLEASE ...**

... for the sick - William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Betty, Dee, Elizabeth, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Kitty, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Patricia, Kevin L, Kevin M, Fr Giles, Gwillim, Mike.

**THE VOTIVE LAMPS**

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

During January they will burn for Tina Rapinet, for the Goddard family and for Norrie Tapsell at Woodcote and for Fr Giles Goward at Woodcote. Please ask about February now.