



*The Catholic Parish of
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JANUARY Sunday 3	CHRISTMAS II <i>(The Holy Name of Jesus)</i>	Goring (Latin) Goring Woodcote	8.00am Angela Harrison RIP 10.00am Parish and people 11.30am Fr KM intention
Monday 4	Feria	Goring	10.00am James Molloy (anniv.)
Tuesday 5	Feria	Goring	6.00pm John Poole RIP
Wednesday 6	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD	Goring Woodcote Goring	9.30am All Masses for the parish and people 12.00pm <i>(with Blessing of Chalk and Proclamation of the Moveable Feasts)</i> 6.00pm
Thursday 7	St Raymond of Penyafort	Woodcote	12.00pm Julian Hill RIP
Friday 8	Feria	Goring Goring	9.00am Holy Hour 10.00am Private intention
Saturday 9	Feria	Goring Goring	5.15pm Confessions 6.00pm Private intention
Sunday 10	BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>(Sunday in the Octave of the Epiphany)</i>	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. At the moment the diary for January is not too cluttered. Please let us know about the ill and housebound. The church buildings are disinfected between Masses; other safety precautions laid down by the diocese are in place. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways.

CHRISTMAS-TIDE IS
STILL WITH US

This week sees the wonderful feast of the Epiphany on Wednesday. In many ways this is far more ancient than Christmas and is a more prominent feast than 25 December for much of the Christian world. We will celebrate the specific rites for this day including the blessing of chalk to mark our doors and the proclamation of the liturgical moveable feasts for the year.

The cribs will be transformed overnight on Tuesday from stables into Epiphany houses and the magi will reach their destination bearing their gifts.

CHRISTMAS THANKS

Fr Kenneth and Fr Jacob would like to thank everyone once again 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 said Mass last week for you all.

More than that, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard, often in totally unseen ways, to make our Christmas worship as worthy as we could manage. 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

While much of our daily routine is up in the air, this time communal worship - whether in church, synagogue or mosque - is explicitly allowed even under Tier 4 regulations, so long as the usual precautions are in place.

Mass is available on the **Goring and Woodcote Catholic Parish** page on Facebook and subsequently on the **Kenneth Macnab** YouTube channel. I hope that you find this useful. We live and pray in hope for the day when it will be redundant.

GORING ROSE GARDEN

I have a cunning plan for the path border. Watch this space!

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 January for Tina Rapinet, for the Goddard family and for Norrie Tapsell at Woodcote and for Fr Giles Goward at Woodcote. Two lamps - one in each church - are available to be dedicated for a specific intention in February. Please ask.

A final word ... Good old parish visiting, the bedrock of so much in any parish, has been knocked on the head by the pandemic. So has the ministry of welcoming friends to the presbytery. One day, I pray, we will be back to normal ...