

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady & St John, Goring-on-Thames & Christ the King, Woodcote



*St Michael the Archangel on the
Castel Sant' Angelo, Rome*

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SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2021 SUNDAY XXVI OF THE YEAR (*Pentecost XVIII*)

		Goring (Latin)	8.00am Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am Parish & people
		The Oratory School	11.30am Kathleen O'Connell (anniv.)
		Mapledurham House	6.00pm Eyston family intentions
Monday 27	St Vincent de Paul	Goring	7.30am Private intention (AMH)
Tuesday 28	St Wenceslaus	Goring	6.00pm Theresa Mills (anniv.)
Wednesday 29	MICHAELMAS	Goring	9.30am Jim gates (ill)
Thursday 30	St Jerome	Goring	12.00pm Private intention
Friday 1	St Thérèse of Lisieux <i>First Friday</i>	Goring	9.00am <i>Holy Hour</i>
	<i>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i>	Goring	10.00am Max & Florence Haddock (marriage)
Saturday 2	Holy Guardian Angels	Goring	5.15pm <i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm Private intention
Sunday 3	SUNDAY XXVII OF THE YEAR (<i>Pentecost XIX</i>)	Goring (Latin)	8.00am Private intention
		Goring	10.00am Parish & people
		The Oratory School	11.30am Parish & people (FrJL)

The priests are always delighted to receive requests for Mass intentions. Please let us know about the ill and housebound. The Rosary is prayed 15 minutes before the daily Mass. Masses are streamed on the Goring & Woodcote Catholic Parish page on Facebook. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways, not least financial.

WINTER SERIES

GOOD NEWS: the dedicated website for community and cultural events in the Galilee went live this week. This will be able to deal with ticket management via a second agency which will take a lot of the weight off our shoulders at local level. My thanks to Bob Powell at Gabriel Media for his work on this. It was Bob who set up our parish website some years ago which Carol Quinton manages.

UNFORTUNATE NEWS: our friend Jeremy Nicholas is indisposed and has had to postpone his visit and his one man show about Jerome K. Jerome. As you may have seen from my email last week, his first reaction, like all actors, was "the show must go on" but I am sure that it is right that we look forward to seeing Jeremy in good health in the spring

WOODCOTE MASSES With the weather forecast having taken an autumnal turn I am very grateful to Joe Smith, the Head Master of The Oratory School for offering us again the use of St Joseph's Chapel. Please remember that the pupils are back and in the full swing of term-time. We have a risk assessment in place. Please keep to the paths between car park and chapel and not wander off!

TWO GOOD CAUSES

There are two second collections this week and next in this diocese. For the duration of the lockdown the archbishop has made our usual pattern of second collections a little more gentle than usual and I have contributed to good causes from the main collection. However, two important calls on our generosity fall this week. Today there is an appeal for the work of Fr Hudson's Care, our very own social care agency here in the diocese. There is some—and only some—truth in the phrase "Charity begins at home." Then next Friday is the CAFOD family fast day at harvest time reflecting on people who are most vulnerable to climate change. Envelopes are available to complete and return either to the presbytery during the week or to church next Sunday.

CHRIST THE KING

The bracing of the building was carried out this week and the interior of our church now looks rather like an Oxfordshire barn. There are many worse things which it might resemble! The next four weeks will be essential in making sure that this arrangement has stabilised the building. If nothing moves then we will be back at Mass at home by the end of October. After all these months it is an exciting prospect.

THE VOTIVE LAMPS

... burn during the month of September for Gwendoline Price, Fran Engleman and Rachel Brooke. One is still free. All four are still available for the month of October. The usual thing is to sponsor a lamp for approximately £20 for the duration of the month, either for a named individual or for a family's intentions. Thank you all.

PLEASE PRAY ...

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Tony T, Patricia, Kevin, Dora, Tony C, Grazyna, John, Linda, Patsy, Annabelle, John B, Emily, Rose, Ivor, Ilene, Richard, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Malcolm, Jim, Ida. Please pray for their families and friends too.

... for those who have died recently, among them Karl O'Connell; for Clare Pearson, Theresa Mills, Albert Marmara, Gladys Hickey and Paul Lynch whose anniversaries fall this week; and for Malcolm Stevenson, Peter Tyler and Steven Bradley whose anniversaries also fell in September.

... for Max Haddock and Florence Whittaker who will be married, after lockdown complexities, on Friday in Avila in Spain.