

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



*St Hilary of Poitiers
pray for us*

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (*Octave of the Epiphany*)

		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention (FrJL)
		The Oratory School	11.30am	Private intention (FrKM)
Monday 10	Feria	Goring	7.30am	Tony Colohan (funeral)
Tuesday 11	Feria	Goring	9.30am	(NB) Robin & Ruth Ward (25th anniv.)
Wednesday 12	St Aelred of Rievaulx	Goring	9.30am	Private intention
Thursday 13	St Hilary of Poitiers	Woodcote	12.00pm	Private intention
Friday 14	Feria	Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Saturday 15	Our Lady on Saturday	Goring	12.00pm	Mass of thanksgiving & reception
		Goring	5.00pm	Confessions
		Goring	6.00pm	Private intention
Sunday 16	SUNDAY II OF THE YEAR	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention (FrKM)
		Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention (FrJL)

The priests are always delighted to receive requests for Mass intentions. Please let us know about the ill, the housebound and those who need Christmas Sacraments at home. The Rosary is prayed 15 minutes before the daily Mass. Mass is streamed on the parish page on Facebook. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways, not least financial.

THANK YOU

... to everyone who has contributed to the two churches' cheeky letters to Santa. You were so generous. It has enabled us to do a few things which have been waiting in the wings. The monstrance is now in the hands of Ormsby's of Scarisbrick to be restored to its original glory. Like so many other things in our parish, it was the gift of members of the Bellasis family who were involved in the life of the parish in its early decades. Edward Bellasis (born in Lower Basildon) was St John Henry Newman's lawyer and close friend. I have put in an order for new kneelers for Christ the King which should be with us by Easter. We also have a kettle, urns in different sizes, cutlery and all sorts of other essential things for the kitchen.

... to Joe Smith and The Oratory School for their hospitality for the 11.30 Mass this morning. The organisers of the Woodcote 10K have my details for next year. I am sorry for the inevitable disruption.

A PARTY INVITATION

Sheila English, one of our longest-serving parishioners, has a birthday in a little over a week's time. One doesn't mention a lady's age but sufficient to say that it is one of the significant birthdays. Simon and other friends have arranged that we mark the occasion with a Mass of Thanksgiving which will be celebrated next Saturday at noon in Goring before we repair to the Galilee for a lunch party. All friends are very, very welcome.

TONY COLOHAN, RIP

We send Simon and Sheila our prayers and sympathy on the death of their relative, Tony Colohan, who has been on our prayer list for many months. His funeral will be held in Donegal tomorrow.

MEETINGS

I have not forgotten about two meetings: one an annual parish one for 2020/21 and one using the diocese's Walking Together material. I wanted to celebrate Christmas and allow for people's holidays first. Watch this space.

TALKING OF PARTIES

On the feast of Candlemas, 2 February, Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, our newly appointed Episcopal Vicar, will be with us to preach and celebrate the feast. I very much hope that this will coincide with the wooden flooring being finished in the Galilee which will give us a double reason for jollifications, always assuming it is safe so to do.

ORGAN RECITAL

28 January—organ recital by Graham Eccles, formerly of Bangor and St Asaph Cathedrals and the source of the organ console now at OLSJ. Graham will inaugurate its life with us, show us what it can do and will talk about the incredibly clever computer software on which the system is based. Tickets are now live on the Galilee website and Eventbrite. Graham has had a distinguished career in cathedral music and now does a lot of freelance work, not least for the BBC Daily Service on Radio 4. We owe thanks to the Sir Harold Hood charity once again for another generous contribution.

PLEASE PRAY ...

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony T, Patricia, Kevin, Dora, Grazyna, John, Linda, Patsy, Annabelle, John B, Emily, Rose, Ivor, Ilene, Richard, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Malcolm, Ida, Charlotte, Denis, Henry, Teresa, Peter, Paul.

... for those who have died recently, among them Tony Colohan and Margaret Allaway who was laid to her rest here last week.

... for those whose anniversaries fall this week, among them Etienne de Hedry, Joseph Gerard Ardill, Ann Vyvan, Margaret Holder, Mark De Freitas.

THE VOTIVE LAMPS

... burn during the month of January for Keith Gregory and Kathy King. Two are still available.

WELCOME NEWS

The wooden floor will be laid on the 17th. The end is nigh!