



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

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Monday 26	ST STEPHEN	Goring	Sat 5pm	VIGIL Parish & people
Tuesday 27	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	Woodcote	Sat 8pm	NIGHT Parish & people
Wednesday 28	THE HOLY INNOCENTS	Goring	Sat 10pm	NIGHT Tina Rapinet (anniv.)
Thursday 29	ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY	Goring (Latin)	7.00am	DAWN Parish & people
Friday 30	THE HOLY FAMILY ( <i>transferred</i> )	Goring	8.00am	DAWN Private intention
Saturday 31	Feria	Goring	10.00am	DAY Private intention
Sunday 1 JAN	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	Woodcote	11.30am	DAY Private intention (FrJL)
		Goring	NB 9.30am	Berti Wilmore RIP
		Goring	6.00pm	Our founders and benefactors
		Goring	9.30am	John Shinkwin's intentions
		Woodcote	12.00pm	Fr Bruce Dutson's intentions
		Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour</i>
		Goring	10.00am	Sue Smyth RIP
		Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	In thanksgiving ( <i>with Te Deum</i> )
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	People baptized here in 2022
		Woodcote	11.30am	Couples married here in 2022

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

**A BLESSED  
CHRISTMAS  
TO YOU ALL**

Fr Kenneth and Fr Jacob would like to wish all friends the greatest possible joy of the Feast. Christmas-tide starts today and may be interpreted in many ways: the 8 days of the Octave, the 12 days which take us up to the Epiphany and the 40 days which lead us to the Feast of Candlemas. May the joy of our Incarnate Lord and the Holy Family of Nazareth be in your hearts and homes.

**THANK YOU**

... from the priests for your kind greetings, presents and for the generous Christmas offering. As you know, this tradition is a major part of any parish supporting its priests for the year but is also a deeply humbling thing and overwhelmingly kind expression of affection. Thank you all so very much. We will offer Mass for you all throughout the Christmas season.

**HEARTFELT THANKS ...**

... to everyone who worked so hard in so many different ways to help us celebrate the feast. God bless you all. If I start listing people I am bound to forget something and someone but here goes: for music, for cleaning, for flowers, for trees, for sacristy work, for laundry, for gardening, for painting, for carpentry, for electrical wiring, for deliveries, for car park gravel, for ladder holding, for candles and candlesticks, for visits to those who cannot get out, for catering, for refreshments in a glass or a cup, for Confessions heard and made, for kindness and above all, for prayer and praise, thank you all so very much. And the season is only just beginning.

**GRAVE LIGHTS**

... are available. We suggest £5.

**VOTIVE LAMPS**

... burn during December for the Beckett, Brown and Moffett families, for David and Lindsay Goddard and for Tina Rapinet.

**PLEASE PRAY ...**

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Kevin, John, Linda, Patsy, baby Annabelle, John, Emily, Rose, Ilene, Richard, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Malcolm, Ida, Charlotte, Denis, Henry, Teresa, Peter, Paul, Jemima, Barry, Oliver, Crispin, Cordelia, Peter, Monica, John, Eva Maria, Tom, Charlie, Sophie, Bob, Paul, Bob, Jacob, Justin, Victoria, Maureen, Eva, Gary, Bob, Gail, Tony, for 10 others and for those receiving Holy Communion at home.

**PLEASE PRAY ...**

... for the dead, among them for Berti Wilmore who died in Goring on Thursday, for George Wallace, laid to his rest at Woodcote last week, for Sue Smyth, Ollie, Debbie Lee and for Michael Hodgetts, all of whom have died recently. ... for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, among them Tina Rapinet, Frederick Joseph Hallett, Ernest Braclik, Margaret Esther Crook, Kate Ward, William Hallett, Mary Creamer, Pat Gaynor, Doris Gregory, Thomas More Eyston, Elfrida Butler.

**OUR CRIB COLLECTION IS FOR MARY'S MEALS**

Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. The charity is already feeding more than two million children every school day – and, together, we can reach the next hungry child waiting for Mary's Meals. The charity has been offered matched funding this year. Every pound we give will be matched. For full details see [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

*For all other news and information please see last week's newsletter, available in church and online.*