



*The Catholic Parish of Our Lady & St John,  
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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (*The Circumcision of Christ*)

		Goring	Sat 6pm	In thanksgiving (with <i>Te Deum</i> )
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Pope Benedict XVI RIP
		Woodcote	11.30am	Pope Benedict XVI RIP
Monday 2	Ss Basil the Great & Greg. Nazianzen	Goring	NB 9.30am	People baptized here in 2022
Tuesday 3	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	Goring	6.00pm	Bob RIP
Wednesday 4	Feria	Goring	9.30am	Couples married here in 2022
Thursday 5	Feria	Goring	7.30am	Pope Benedict XVI RIP
		Woodcote	12.00pm	Pope Benedict XVI RIP
Friday 6	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Goring	7.30am	Mgr Graham Leonard (anniv.)
	<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	Woodcote	12.00pm	Parish & people
	<i>First Friday</i>	Goring	6.00pm	For G's intentions
Saturday 7	St Raymond of Penyafort	Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Private intention
Sunday 8	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention
		Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention

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.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

As you know, dear Pope Benedict died yesterday full of years and full of faith. He has been one of the most remarkable men called to succeed St Peter and is someone who has meant a very great deal to me for all my adult life, not least as the permission for my ordination came over his signature and through his generosity. May he rest from his labours and may we all benefit from his prayers. We will offer Requiem Masses for him on Thursday, the day of his funeral.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Fr Kenneth and Fr Jacob would like to wish all friends the greatest possible joy of the Feast. Christmas-tide 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.

OUR CRIB COLLECTION : Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to over 2,000,000 children in some of the world's poorest countries. A good meal attracts hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. The charity has been offered matched funding this year so everything we give grows by 100%. See [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

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.

HEARTFELT THANKS

... to everyone who helped in any way. I am bound to forget 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 so much.

REMINDING OURSELVES

May I have a word about receiving Holy Communion? Reverence to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is the touchstone. I like to think we observe this pretty well as a parish, whether we stand or whether we kneel at the Communion Rails, but it is always good once in a while to remind ourselves of the basics. Perhaps a new year is a good time. We now know that Covid spreads in an airborne way. If you wish to receive Holy Communion in the traditional way—kneeling and on the tongue—please do. And may I remind those who wish to receive Holy Communion in the hand that it is essential to consume the Blessed Sacrament immediately before leaving the rails so that the priest may see It being consumed?

THE EPIPHANY: There are three opportunities here to keep this feast, a Day of Obligation: 7.30am at Goring, noon at Woodcote at 6pm at Goring when we will bless chalk and observe the other Epiphany customs as the Crib changes and the Magi arrive.

PLEASE PRAY

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Kevin, John, Linda, Patsy, 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, Paul, Jacob, Justin, Victoria, Maureen, Eva, Bob, Gail, Tony, & 11 others. ... for the dead, for Berti Wilmore, Josephine Egan, Sue Smyth, Debbie Lee, Michael Hodgetts and for Pope Benedict XVI, who have died recently. ... for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, among them Maurice Molloy, Mgr Graham Leonard and Paul Evasked.