



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

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PALM SUNDAY (*Passion Sunday II*)

Monday 3	Feria	Goring	Sat 6pm	Private intention
Tuesday 4	Feria	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Wednesday 5	Feria	Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Thursday 6	MAUNDY THURSDAY	Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention
Friday 7	GOOD FRIDAY <i>A day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>	Goring	7.30am	Private intention
Saturday 8	HOLY SATURDAY	Goring	6.00pm	Private intention
Sunday 9	EASTER DAY <i>THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD</i>	Goring	7.00pm	PENITENTIAL SERVICE
		Birmingham	7.30am	Private intention
		Goring	11.30am	<i>Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	8.00pm	MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER <i>with Watch until midnight</i>
		Goring	10.00am	<i>United Act of Witness—Rectory Gardens</i>
		Goring	10.30am	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
		Woodcote	12.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
		Goring	3.00pm	LITURGY OF THE PASSION
		Goring	6.00pm	<i>Maria Desolata</i>
		Goring	8.00pm	SOLEMN VIGIL & MASS OF EASTER
		Goring (Latin)	7.00am	Parish & people
		Goring (English)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Parish & people
		Woodcote	11.30am	Parish & people

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, **particularly at Easter**. 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.

HOLY WEEK

The greatest, most demanding, most sombre and most exhilarating week of the Christian year is now upon us. We gain spiritual blessings from this week in proportion to the extent with which we engage in the life, death and resurrection of Christ for us. Full churches on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and next Sunday would be wonderful to see. Please take this newsletter, a Holy Week card—and one for a friend—and make every effort to be here.

CHURCH CLEANING

There will be an all-hands-on-deck cleaning session at Goring on Saturday morning from 10.30am with refreshments on hand. Please come if you can. I am sure that there will be something similar at Woodcote but I do not have a time at the time of writing.

YOUR EASTER DUTIES

There are several opportunities to make your Confession. We have our usual Penitential Service on Tuesday at 7pm when two local priests will be coming to help us. I will be hearing Confessions on Wednesday night in Goring. Fr Jacob and I are available at almost any other time if you have a quiet word with us. There is a Penitential Service on Monday night at St Michael's, Sonning Common, to which we are all most warmly invited by Fr Sharkey.

EASTER STUDY GROUP

It has been good that the ecumenical Lent groups have started up again after Covid. We will have something similar in Eastertide based on the Walk with Me booklet on the Resurrection.

THEATRE EVENING

Tickets for 21 April are on sale.

THE VOTIVE LAMPS

... burn during April for David Goddard jnr & family and for Kit and Vicky Schutzer-Weissmann. Others are always possible. Grave lights are available at the back of both churches, suggested donation £5.

EASTER OFFERING

I have put out the Easter Offering envelopes as usual. I cannot say how embarrassed I am in drawing these to friends' attention. Perhaps uniquely in the world of 2023 a Catholic priest is supported and has an income (to use an awful word) in unusual and sometimes rather random ways. The Christmas and Easter Offerings are the most significant part of this by far. I cannot tell you how much your kindness means both symbolically and practically. Thank you and God bless you. Fr Jacob and I will say Mass for you all.

PLEASE PRAY ...

... among the sick for Rosemary Allen who is seriously ill, for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Kevin, John, Patsy, Annabelle, John, Emily, Rose, Ilene, Richard, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Ida, Charlotte, Denis, 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, Francis, Claire, Fr Bruce, Ann, Joan, Rosemary, Tim, Susannah, Anzelika & 12 others.

... for the dead and in particular for Alan Griffiths, Jadwiga Adasko, Tomas and Malcolm.

... for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, among them Bernard Lyons and Leland a Beckett Robinson.

UNITED PRAYERS: Mon 12pm OLSJ, 8pm St T's; Tue 12pm St T's, 8pm St M's; Wed 12 St M's, 8pm OLSJ; Thu 12pm St T's.