

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



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SUNDAY 9 JULY 2023
SUNDAY XIV OF THE YEAR
PENTECOST VI Sea Sunday

STELLA MARIS

		Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Michael Lewis (anniversary)
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Lucy Grimwood
		Woodcote	11.30am	Macnab family intentions (AM & IFM)
Monday 10	Feria	Goring	7.30am	Patricia Paskins RIP
Tuesday 11	ST BENEDICT	Goring	6.00pm	Patrick & Mary Kate Molloy (anniv.)
Wednesday 12	Feria	Goring	9.30am	Kitty & Charles Holliday (anniv.)
Thursday 13	St Henry	Woodcote	12.00pm	Johnson Association intention
Friday 14	St Camillus of Lellis	Goring	NB 9.00am	<i>Holy Hour for Peace</i>
		Goring	10.00am	Johnson Association intention
Saturday 15	St Bonaventure	Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Private intention
Sunday 16	SUNDAY XV OF THE YEAR	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
	<i>Pentecost VII</i>	Goring	10.00am	Fr Andrew Foooster (ordination ann.)
		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 the daily Mass. Mass is streamed on the parish page on Facebook. The parish priest tries to take Tuesday before Mass as a quiet day. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways, not least financial.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION

AND CONFIRMATION
Our congratulations to the following children who joined Ethan and Charlotte in making their first Communions in our parish last Sunday: Helena, Kayaneet, Theo, Isla, Amelie, Tilly, Darcey and also for Emma who was received into Full Communion and Freddy Roberts who was confirmed. We wish them all every blessing in the years to come.

PERSONAL THANKS ...

... to everyone who helped in any way when I was away last week on my somewhat belated post-Easter break.

APRES-MASS

Do stay if you can for coffee after the 10am Mass. This was part of Fr Antony's vision when planning the Galilee.

THE NEEDS BOX

... is at the back of the church at Goring as usual. Donations of good quality clean clothes and non-perishable foodstuffs will always be passed on to good causes. I hope that Dave Browne will be able to tell us at the end of Mass next week about the work of CIRDIC—the ecumenical drop-in centre in Reading where he and others have been involved for a long time. Lots of good work goes on.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generosity towards Peter's Pence, the traditional collection throughout the world for the Vatican's almsgiving work. Today is Sea Sunday when Stella Maris (what used to be the Apostleship of the Sea) is the focus of our prayers and, if possible, our gifts.

THE DEPARTED

Please pray for the dead, among them Patricia Paskins, Crispin Rapinet, John Church, and Roy Faulkner who have died recently; also for Michael Lewis, James Withers and Theresa Harris whom we remember this week on their anniversaries.

PLEASE PRAY ...

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Kevin, John, Patsy, Annabelle, John, Emily, Rose, Ilene, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Charlotte, Denis, Teresa, Peter, Paul, Jemima, Barry, Oliver, Cordelia, Peter, Monica, Eva Maria, Tom, Charlie, Sophie, Paul, Jacob, Justin, Victoria, Maureen, Eva, Bob, Gail, Tony, Francis, Claire, Fr Bruce, Ann, Joan, Rosemary, Tim, Susannah, Anzelika, Bill, Lucy, Linda, David and Lindsey, Heather, Gail & 12 others.

THE ORGAN CLUB

... visited Goring yesterday. It was good to welcome some of its members to OLSJ.

VOTIVE LAMPS

... burn during July for Mike Lewis, the Lewis family and for the Brown family.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Lucy Bonnett 07598 127936

A Sea Sunday Gospel Meditation

There are times when many of us feel overburdened in our daily life. There can be so many demands, so much to do. For seafarers, life at sea can be extremely challenging. They are often far from their families and loved ones for long periods of time, working long hours, and facing the threats of accidents, piracy, and harsh weather conditions. And when they come into port in a foreign land, they know no one. Amid these challenges, Stella Maris provides a beacon of hope and support to seafarers. Its chaplains and volunteers offer the hand of friendship and listen to the concerns of the seafarers they meet. They help seafarers to contact their families back home, take them to Mass, or arrange for a priest to come on board, provide transport to local shops, and help to resolve problems of missing pay or sub-standard conditions. Just as Jesus offers rest to those who are burdened and weary, Stella Maris offers refuge and support to seafarers who are facing the challenges of life at sea. Its chaplains and volunteers are the hands and feet of Jesus in this world,