



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

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CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECST

Monday 27 Feria
Tuesday 28 Feria
Wednesday 29 Feria
Thursday 30 ST ANDREW
Friday 1 DEC St Edmund Campion
Saturday 2 Our Lady on Saturday
Sunday 3 ADVENT I

Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Fr Arthur Sammons (anniv.)
Goring	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	& Benediction Faithful departed
Woodcote	11.30am	& Benediction Michael O'Connell (anniv.)
Mapledurham	6.00pm	Eyston family intentions
Goring	8.30am	Requiem for departed parish priests
Goring	6.00pm	Faithful departed
Goring	9.30am	Requiem for the Hallett family
		NO MASS TODAY
Goring	9.00am	Holy Hour for peace
Goring	10.00am	Faithful departed
Goring	6.00pm	Fr Andrew Foster's intentions
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 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.

TODAY

... being the last of the year, is the feast of Christ the King. We will kneel for Benediction at the end of the Sung Masses. As it is our feast at CTK there will be a glass of something fizzy after Mass.

MASS THIS WEEK

Please note that I have to be away from the parish on Thursday and Saturday evening. I am afraid there is no Mass on Thursday and I am very grateful to Fr Andrew Foster from Watlington for covering the parish on Saturday evening. He will not be here at 5pm but will hear Confessions during Rosary.

OLSJ CAKE SUNDAY

We will repeat the very happy and successful social après-Mass gathering at Goring on Gaudete Sunday—17 December.

CHRISTMAS WARNING

A good question was asked about the flyer: it is the RIVER bridge which will close at 5pm on Christmas Eve. The railway bridge will remain open.

SAFEGUARDING

Thanks to Lucy Bonnett for speaking to us after last Sunday's Masses. The diocese tells me that it is good practice not to publish telephone numbers so please use the dedicated email address as a point of contact.

ADVENT

- We will start the Year of Prayer which the Pope has called to prepare for the Jubilee Year of 2025 with a course of sermons entitled "A School of Prayer;" Henley has a similar course.

- the ecumenical study groups, which have run for years, meet;

- we will start monthly evenings looking at the big truths of the Catholic Faith, based on the new Sycamore programme from Fr Stephen Wang, Rector of English College in Rome.

- Aid to the Church in Need cards and Advent calendars are now available once again.

- Walk with me prayer booklets and children's calendars to use with our younger friends.

PLEASE PRAY ...

... for the souls of Elizabeth Mills whose Requiem Mass will be offered in Goring on Monday 4 December at 11.30am and Michael Arshad whose funeral will take place the following day at 2pm.

... for the souls of those faithful departed whose anniversaries fall at this time: Fr Arthur Thomas Sammons (parish priest and benefactor,) Marjorie Berkeley, Nora Morrish, Priscilla Lehar, Harriet Heath, Alice Sumner, Brian Godley, Hazel Nicholas, Catherine Copeman, Fr John Formby, Thomas Ritchie.

CHURCH GROUNDS

Mr Hine's men finished the OLSJ path this week and also applied some of the shingle to the Lourdes Grotto which was looking a little ragged. I hope you agree that it is a huge improvement. My thanks to all involved. I have asked them to look at improving the access at CTK.

PLEASE PRAY ...

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, 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, Ann, Tim, Susannah, Anzelika, Bill, Lucy, Linda, David and Lindsey, Heather, Gail, Sr Maria Goretti, Pat, Conty, Emma, Paul, Deborah, Christine and 12 others.

Please keep us informed.

READERS AT MASS

6pm John O'Donohue; 10am David Browne & Richard Harding; 11.30am the Heath family. Volunteers needed please.

VOTIVE LAMPS

... burn for the Brown and Beckett families during December. Two are still available to sponsor.

The parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Safeguarding Representative is Lucy Bonnett who may be contacted at sg.ol.stjohngothames@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team may be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.