



*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.*

Monday 4	St John Damascene
Tuesday 5	ST BIRINUS
Wednesday 6	St Nicholas
Thursday 7	St Ambrose
Friday 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY
Saturday 9	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Sunday 10	ADVENT II

Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Fr Andrew Foster's intentions
Goring	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Sheila English RIP
Woodcote	11.30am	Sheila English RIP
Goring	NB 11.30am	REQUIEM—Elizabeth Mills RIP
Goring	2.00pm	FUNERAL SERVICE & burial
Goring	6.00pm	Michael Arshad RIP
Goring	9.30am	A parishioner's intentions (hospital)
Woodcote	12.00pm	Garry Bennett (anniv.)
Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour for peace</i>
Goring	10.00am	George Wallace (anniv.)
Goring	6.00pm	David Macnab (anniv.)
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention

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ADVENT I

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.

### WELCOME & THANKS

... to Fr Andrew Foster from Watlington for very generously covering the 6pm Mass.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

And so another Year of Grace begins as the liturgical cycle gives us another Advent Sunday. May we be richly blessed and may we use this holy season and its lovely liturgical provision—perhaps the richest of any season in the year—to the full.

- We will start the Year of Prayer to prepare for the Jubilee Year of 2025 with a course of sermons on prayer.

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

- *Aid to the Church in Need* cards and Advent calendars are available for a very reasonable price.

- there are some lovely, free colour-in Advent calendars at the back of both churches

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

- *Bible Alive*. One last free issue.

*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.*

### SYCAMORE

There is a joy as well as a duty to being able to talk about our faith confidently and convincingly. Fr Stephen Wang, the Rector of the English College in Rome, is at the heart of a team which has produced a new catechetical programme called Sycamore. We will use it on one evening per month—the second Tuesdays—as a parish. Evenings will start with something to eat and drink, a video presentation and an opportunity for discussion and further exploration. Of course, you may care to come to the 6pm Mass first. This month will see the first session on 12 December on “The Search for Happiness.” See [www.sycamore.fm](http://www.sycamore.fm) for more information.

### OLSJ CAKE SUNDAY

We will repeat the very happy and successful social après-Mass gathering at Goring for Gaudete Sunday: 17 December. Can you bring a scone or a doughnut to share?

### PLEASE PRAY

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

... for the souls of those faithful departed whose anniversaries fall at this time: Raymond Catling, George Kydd Wallace, Bridget Madeline Wallace, Hilda Walsh, Michael McMahan, Mary Letitia Sammons, Patrick Walsh, Margaret Mary Alloway.

### WOODCOTE CLEANING

We will have a not-quite-Spring clean of Christ the King on the morning of Saturday 15 December, say 10.30 to 12.30. Sandwiches, cakes and drinks will be available. The more the merrier!

### DEFIBRILLATOR

One arrived this week in Goring, not least as the church is open daily and it may help someone on Ferry Lane or the tow-path.

### 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 Simon Enright; 10am the Wheatley family; 11.30am Rose Metcalf. *Volunteers needed please.*

### VOTIVE LAMPS

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