



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

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ADVENT II

Populus Sion. O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations

Monday 11	St Damasus I	Goring	Sat 6.00pm	David Macnab (anniv.)
Tuesday 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Goring	8.00am	Parish & people
Wednesday 13	St Lucy	Goring	10.00am	Margaret Mary Allaway (anniv.)
Thursday 14	St John of the Cross	Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention
Friday 15	Feria	Goring	8.30am	Hedwig Lewis RIP
Saturday 16	Saturday in Advent	Goring	6.00pm	Farnborough Abbey
Sunday 17	ADVENT III	Goring	9.30am	Private intention
		Woodcote	12.00pm	Sheila English RIP (per AMH)
		Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour for peace</i>
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention
		Woodcote	12.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confession</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Private intention
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Patrick Strain RIP
		Woodcote	11.30am	Alan Griffiths RIP

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.

SHEILA ENGLISH RIP
As I was able to say but not write at last Sunday's Masses, our dear friend and oldest parishioner, Sheila English, died in the early hours of Sunday at the age of 101. Many of us will remember her last couple of birthday parties in the Galilee. Sheila has been a bedrock of our parish, particularly at Christ the King, for many decades and it was wonderful to see her at Mass only a fortnight ago. We send Simon our sympathy and our prayers and offer up our prayers for Sheila's soul. She will be received into Christ the King at 4.15 on Tuesday 19 December and her Requiem Mass will be offered the following day—Wednesday 20 December at noon before being laid to rest in St Leonard's churchyard. May she rest in peace. (Please note that Sheila's coffin will be in church for the Penitential Service that Tuesday at 7pm.)

SYCAMORE
Having taken soundings, it is clear that December is not a good time to start our course and so we will make a start in January 2024. Sorry if you have already put this in your diary. Watch this space and in the meantime have a look at www.sycamore.tv
CTK WINTER SPRING-CLEAN
We will have a working party to clean the church next Saturday. 10.30-12.30. Sandwiches, refreshments and other nice things will be on hand. Do come!
OLSJ CAKE SUNDAY
We will repeat the very happy and successful social après-Mass gathering at Goring for Gaudete Sunday—next week. Can you bring something to share?
NEXT SUNDAY
I have invited James Long to say a word at Mass about *Friends of the Holy Land* which will be one of our two charities at the Crib.

PLEASE PRAY
... for the souls of Sheila English, Hedwig Lewis, Elizabeth Mills and Michael Arshad who have died recently and for Francis Henry Williams (anniv.)
OLSJ CLEANING
We will clean and decorate the church in Goring on Saturday 23 December from 10am. Do come along! We will leave the decorations in the Galilee and then move them into the body of the church after the 10am Mass on the following day.
LOST CHINA
There are quite a few things in the kitchen in the Galilee which have been left behind after various events. Are you missing a plate or a serving dish? Please have a look if so.
GORING VILLAGE CARDS
At the time of writing I am not sure whether these are ready to go but they will be very soon. As usual, please take a road's supply from inside St Thomas's.

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 the Jones family; 10am the Cook family; 11.30am Fiona Preston. *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.