



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

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ADVENT III (*O sapientia*)

		Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Private intention
		Goring	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Patrick Strain RIP
		Woodcote	11.30am	Alan Griffiths RIP
Monday 18	Feria	<i>O Adonai</i> Goring	8.30am	Oliver Coupland (baptism day)
		Goring	11.30am	<i>Holy Baptism</i>
Tuesday 19	Feria	<i>O radix Jesse</i> Woodcote	4.15pm	<i>Reception into Church and Vespers of the Dead</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	John, Charles and Bernard Harris RIP
		Woodcote	7.00pm	<i>Penitential Service</i>
Wednesday 20	Feria	<i>O clavis David</i> Goring	9.30am	Sheila English RIP (per PK)
		Woodcote	12.00pm	REQUIEM MASS & BURIAL
Thursday 21	Feria	<i>O Oriens</i> Goring	7.00am	<i>RORATE MASS by candlelight</i>
		Woodcote	12.00pm	Ray & Margaret Lynch's intentions
Friday 22	Feria	<i>O rex gentium</i> Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour for peace</i>
		Goring	10.00am	Sister Jude's intentions
Saturday 23	Saturday in Advent	<i>O Emmanuel</i> Woodcote	12.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confession</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Sister Assumpta's intentions
Sunday 24	ADVENT IV	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention (JL)
		Woodcote	11.30am	Heather Vockings

VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS 5pm at Goring; MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT 8pm at Woodcote; 10pm at Goring

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.

<p>SHEILA ENGLISH RIP Sheila will be received into Christ the King on Tuesday at 4.15. Her Requiem Mass and burial are on Wednesday at noon followed by a lunch in the Galilee in Goring. Please use common sense about parking! Priority must go to those friends with access needs. We send Simon our prayers and our sympathy.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS MASSES Please take one of the cards away and study it closely. It will be a busy few days. We have lots so please give another one away.</p> <p>O.L.S.J. CAKE SUNDAY This morning we will repeat the social après-Mass gathering. Please stay behind if possible.</p> <p>DEFIBRILLATOR This has arrived and is in the green box in the kitchen. Let us hope will never need to use it.</p>	<p>PENITENTIAL SERVICE This is on Tuesday at Christ the King. (Please remember that Sheila's coffin will be in church.) I am grateful to the two local priests who will be with us. Our spiritual preparations and our Christmas duties are far more important than any others.</p> <p>C.T.K. WINTER CLEAN Huge thanks to everyone for your hard work yesterday.</p> <p>THE CRIB COLLECTION I have invited James Long to speak at the Masses today about <i>Friends of the Holy Land</i> which will be one of our two charities at the Crib. Only this last week the one Latin rite parish in Gaza which has been sheltering hundreds of people was shelled.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS FLOWERS There is a plate if you can help spread the costs. Thank you.</p>	<p>PLEASE PRAY ... for the souls of Sheila English and Hedwig Lewis who have died recently and for Monica Burnand, Francis Price, Gladys Evans, Mary Browne (anniv.)</p> <p>O.L.S.J. CLEANING Saturday from 10am. Do come along. We will leave the decorations in the Galilee and move them into church after Mass. The outdoor tree is wonderful.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS OFFERING As always I am embarrassed to have to comment that the offering at Christmas, like Easter, is the principal source of support for the parish clergy. The usual envelopes are available. I cannot possibly say how grateful we are. We will say Mass for you all.</p> <p>MASS INTENTIONS Please ask—and please remind me if I forget. Safe not sorry!</p>	<p>PLEASE PRAY ... for Oliver being baptized; ... 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, Mark & 12 more.</p> <p>READERS AT MASS 6pm Chris Sexon; 10am the MacIntosh family; 11.30am the Quinton family.</p>
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