



*The Catholic Parish of Our Lady & St John,
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ADVENT IV (*Vigil of Christmas*)

		Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Sister Assumpta's intentions
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention (JL)
		Woodcote	11.30am	Heather Vockings RIP
	<i>VIGIL MASS</i>	Goring	5.00pm	James Molloy (anniv.)
	<i>OF THE NIGHT</i>	Woodcote	8.00pm	Karol Pogorzelski RIP
	<i>OF THE NIGHT</i>	Goring	10.00pm	Tina Rapinet (anniv.)
Monday 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	<i>OF THE DAWN</i> Goring (Latin)	7.00am	Parish & people
		<i>OF THE DAWN</i> Goring	8.00am	Private intention
		<i>OF THE DAY</i> Goring	10.00am	baby Kerry
		<i>OF THE DAY</i> Woodcote	11.30am	Parishioners receiving HC at home
Tuesday 26	ST STEPHEN	Goring	NB 9.30am	Diana Coley RIP
Wednesday 27	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	Goring	9.30am	Sylvia Waddington RIP
Thursday 28	THE HOLY INNOCENTS	Woodcote	12.00pm	Sheila English RIP (per AMH)
Friday 29	ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY	Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour for peace</i>
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Saturday 30	Of the Octave	Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confession</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Heather Vockings (per AMH)
Sunday 31	THE HOLY FAMILY (<i>SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE</i>)	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Those who have died in 2023
		Woodcote	11.30am	Thanksgiving for blessings received

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.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

READERS AT MASS

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Fr Kenneth and Fr Jacob wish all parishioners, friends and families the greatest possible joy and every blessing of Christmastide. Thank you for all your greetings expressed in so many ways. I cannot tell you how much we appreciate it and how touched we are.

Advent IV: Sat 6pm: Maggie Shinkwin; 10am: Singleton family; 11.30am: Anna Griffiths. Christmas: 5pm: Bermingham family; 8pm: tbc; 10pm: Sexon family; 8am: John O'Donohue; 10am: MacIntosh family; 11.30am: tbc.

... for the souls of Diana Coley, Heather Vockings, Sheila English, Brook Ward and Hedwig Lewis who have died recently and for Tina Rapinet, Francis Etherington, Frederick Joseph Hallett, Ernest Braclik, Margaret Esther Crook, Kate Ward, William Hallett, Mary Creamer, Pat Gaynor, Doris Gregory, Thomas More Eyston, Elfrida Butler (anniv.)

... 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.

Thank you too for your generosity with the Christmas Offering. As I have said before, this is one of the two main sources of an income for parish priests, Easter being the other. It is a strange, some might even say mediaeval, system. HMRC is well aware of how unusual it is!

THE CRIB COLLECTION

... will be divided this year between *Friends of the Holy Land* about which we heard a little last Sunday and *Let the Children Live*, a charity run by Fr Peter Walters, a British priest, helping the street children of Colombia. Information about both causes is available in church. Thank you in advance for your kindness. My thanks to James Long for speaking so powerfully last week about the situation in the Holy Land.

FROM HIS GRACE

"We pray to the Prince of Peace especially at this time of year for the gift of peace in our own hearts, in our families, in our communities across the world. We ask the Prince of Peace to influence those who can bring peace.

+Bernard"

VOTIVE LIGHTS

... burn during December for the Beckett and Brown families. Please ask for January.

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.