



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

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (*transferred*)

Monday 8	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Private intention
Tuesday 9	Feria	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Wednesday 10	Feria	Goring	10.00am	Doreen Godley RIP
Thursday 11	Feria	Oratory School	11.30am	William O'Connell RIP
Friday 12	St Aelred of Rievaulx	Goring	8.30am	Charlie Henderson (ill)
Saturday 13	St Hilary of Poitiers	Goring	6.00pm	Mary Barry RIP (Diana Kemp RIP at OPS)
Sunday 14	II SUNDAY OF THE YEAR ( <i>Epiphany II</i> )	Goring	9.30am	Private intention
				<i>No Mass today</i>
				<i>No Mass and Holy Hour today</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Parish & people
		Woodcote	11.30am	Rita Good (anniv.)
				<b>NO MASS AT GORING THIS MORNING</b>

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.

**DOREEN GODLEY RIP**

As you may have heard, Doreen died suddenly last Tuesday. This has come as a great shock to us all. She was a faithful parishioner here for many years and had many friends in the village and its various organisations. We send our sympathy and prayers to her family.

**WILLIAM O'CONNELL RIP**

As I said at Mass last week but was not able to put in the typed notice sheet, our friend William O'Connell died on Saturday morning after a long illness. William gave so much to our parish life, particularly at Christ the King, for many years. We send his friends and family in Checkendon and in Ireland our sympathy and our prayers. May they both rest in peace. Funeral details will be forthcoming.

**THANKS**

... to Canon Fitzpatrick for confirming here last week and congratulations to the candidates.

**THESE TWO SUNDAYS**

SUN 7 JAN: today the 11.30am Mass will be celebrated, as in recent years, in the St Joseph's Chapel at the Oratory School. I am very grateful to the school for their welcome. The Woodcote 10K run means that the roads around Christ the King are shut. SAT 13 / SUN 14 JAN: as I will be away on my post-Christmas break the weekend pattern will be different. Fr David Rocks will offer Mass at GORING AT 6pm ON SATURDAY and WOODCOTE AT 11.30AM ON SUNDAY. Thus *each church will have a Mass of the Sunday*. However, it has proved impossible to cover the 10am Mass. If it is difficult to get to either of those Masses, the times of Mass in our neighbouring parishes on Sunday mornings are: Dorchester at 11am, Sonning Common at 9am and 10.30am, Pangbourne at 9.45am. I am sure you would be very welcome.

**PLEASE PRAY**

... for the souls of Doreen Godley, William O'Connell, Mary Barry, Diana Kemp, Diana Coley, Heather Vockings, Sheila English and Brook Ward who have died recently and for Rita Ann Good, Etienne de Hedry, Joseph Gerard Ardill, Ann Vyvyan, Margaret Holder, Madge De Freitas (annivs.)

**READERS AT MASS**

6pm: Simon Enright; 10am: David Browne & Richard Harding; 11.30am: tbc.

**THE CRIB COLLECTION**

... will be divided this year between *Friends of the Holy Land* supporting our brothers and sisters in Gaza and *Let the Children Live* heling street children in Colombia. **Thank you for your kindness and enormous generosity already.** The contactless machine at Goring is set up with a separate account for this collection.

**PLEASE PRAY**

... among the sick for Margaret, Jeanie, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Kevin, John, Patsy, Annabelle, John, Emily, Rose, Ilene, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Charlotte, 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, baby Kerry, Leon, Charlie & 12 more.

**VOTIVE LIGHTS**

... burn during January for the Brown family and Keith Gregory. Two are still available if you wish to dedicate one for a person or an intention. The suggested donation is £20 which provides four weekly lamps at the shrines and before the tabernacles.

The parish priest is away from parish duties from Thursday. If you need a priest in an emergency please contact Fr John Osman at St Birimus, Dorchester-on-Thames, on 01865 340417. There will be no daily Mass until Thursday 18 January but you will be very welcome in our neighbouring parishes. Please note that the presbytery will be occupied during the week.

*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.*