



*St Scholastica pray for us*

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

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SUNDAY V OF THE YEAR (*Sexagesima*)

Monday 5 St Agatha  
Tuesday 6 St Paul Miki & companions  
Wednesday 7 Feria  
Thursday 8 St Jerome Emilian  
Friday 9 Feria  
Saturday 10 St Scholastica  
Sunday 11 VI SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  
(*Quinquagesima*)

Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Charles Borsley RIP
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Anne Goodman RIP
Woodcote	11.30am	Anneka de Mol RIP
Goring	8.30am	Private intention
Goring	NB 8.30am	Private intention
Goring	9.30am	Anthony Slattery RIP
Woodcote	12.00pm	Frank Briggs RIP
Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour for Vocations</i>
Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Goring	6.00pm	Private intention
Goring	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Woodcote	11.30am	Sheila Cross (anniv.)

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 The Parish Priest tries to take Tuesday as a Quiet day. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways, not least financial.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

February is our deanery's month to pray particularly for vocations. As last year, Luke Theobald from Sonning Common reflects on his time at seminary in Rome for our diocese.

As we begin this month of prayer for vocations may I encourage you to find a moment during the day to pray that young people will discover their true vocation in life and especially that those called to the priesthood and religious life will have the courage and trust in God to say yes. In addition to joining any other activities in your parish perhaps you can use this prayer written by Pope Saint John Paul II and pray it as a family before or after your evening meal together:

*Lord Jesus, as you once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come, follow me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labour. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Mary, Mother of the Church, model of every vocation, help us to say 'Yes' to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen*

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, Gail, Sr Maria Goretti, Pat, Conty, Emma, Paul, Deborah, Christine, Mark, baby Kerry, Leon, Charlie, Jake, Catherine, Tim and 12 others.

VOTIVE LIGHTS

... burn for the Brown family at Woodcote and the Knollys, Mofzett and Schutzer-Weissman families at Goring.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This starts in Lent. Do enquire. There should be a nice number of young friends exploring this.

REQUIEM MASS

Doreen Godley's Requiem Mass and funeral will be celebrated at 11am at Goring on Tuesday 13 February. Doreen will be brought into church the night before at 4pm. All friends are very welcome on either or both days. We send our prayers to her families and friends.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Chris Sexon; 10am; the Wheatley family; 11.30am: Fiona Preston.

CRIB COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to this marvellous effort. I had a lovely letter of thanks from *Friends of the Holy Land* during the week for their share of £500.

CAKE SUNDAY

Please stay after the 10am Mass if you possibly can to meet your fellow parishioners and enjoy what the Viennese call Coffee and Cake. Thanks to all who organise this.

PLEASE PRAY

... for the souls of Charles Borsley, Anneka de Mol, Imelda McConnell, Donald Hine, Doreen Godley and William O'Connell who have died recently and for Bernadette Tierney and Marcin Wierzkicki (annivs.)

SYCAMORE

I hope this is not jinxed. I realise now that this Wednesday will not work for a first meeting so please put 21 February in your diaries. So sorry!

*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.*