

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

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SUNDAY V OF LENT (*Passion Sunday I*)

Monday 18 Feria  
Tuesday 19 ST JOSEPH  
Wednesday 20 Feria  
Thursday 21 Feria  
Friday 22 Feria  
Saturday 23 Saturday in Passiontide  
Sunday 24 PALM SUNDAY

Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Gary Austin RIP
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Dodo Peat (anniv.)
Woodcote	11.30am	Ann Callison RIP
Goring	8.30am	Tomas Saikavicius (1st anniv.)
Goring	6.00pm	James Whitbourn RIP
Goring	9.30am	A parishioner's intentions (health)
Woodcote	12.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Woodcote	12.00pm	Mick RIP
Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour</i>
Goring	10.00am	Jenny RIP
Goring	6.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Goring	6.00pm	Private intention
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Woodcote	11.30am	Faithful departed (WO)

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.

PASSIONTIDE

The last fortnight of Lent is the time we are called to greater devotion and mortification. Now is the time to meditate even more deeply on Christ's Passion. This is the time that the Church traditionally covers the crucifix and statues imitating Jesus at the end of the Gospel for Passion Sunday: "Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple." Many parishes have kept up or brought back the tradition of veiling holy images during Passiontide with the traditional purple coloured cloth to keep the Passion of Our Lord in the front of our minds. Not only are we mortifying our bodies through our Lenten penances, but we now mortifying our sight. The veiled crucifix reminds us of how our sins divide us from Jesus; we cannot see him or be guided by him when sin rules our hearts.  
*Susanna Spencer writing in the National Catholic Register.*

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

- Cards with the essential timings are available in our churches. Please take at least one and do feel free to give them away! The more we engage with these wonderful days, the more powerful it will be. Please make a note of the key times.  
- There is an opportunity to contribute to the cost of flowers to decorate our churches at Easter. Please see Chris Gregory if you can volunteer to decorate a window sill at Goring. I can give you Chris's email if you wish.  
- We will clean and decorate OLSJ from 10am on the morning of Holy Saturday. Timings at CTK are forthcoming.

THANKS

... to everyone who made the Mothering Sunday après-Mass gathering such fun. We are a parish of fine bakers, young and not quite so young.  
... for your generosity to CAFOD and to the Cathedral.

REQUIEM MASSES

Conty Brown's funeral Mass will be in Goring on 3 April at 11am. On 4 April there will be a Mass for Theresa Bicknell at 2pm after which she will be laid to rest with John in St Thomas's churchyard.  
SYCAMORE & 1ST H.C.  
... the fourth instalment of the Sycamore course will take place on Wednesday at 7pm in the Galilee. The films are available online at [www.sycamore.fm/videos/](http://www.sycamore.fm/videos/) The fourth film is called "Who is Jesus?" We will break for Holy Week and Easter and start again at the end of April. Similarly, after Thursday's session the First Holy Communion group will break for the school holiday.

VOTIVE LIGHTS

... burn for the Brown family and for two members of our parish families. Please ask for April.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Simon Jones; 10am: the Bermingham family; 11.30am: the Heath family.

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, Emma, Paul, Deborah, Christine, Mark, baby Kerry, Leon, Charlie, Catherine and 8 others. *Please keep us informed. We will review this list after Easter.*  
... for the souls of Conty Brown, Robert Lo, Michael Hasslacher, Ann Callison, Jenny, and Mick and for Rachel O'Sullivan, Martin Grindley, Ada Harris, George Faillace, Brigid Howard-Allen, Sheila Mary Lowe (annivs.)

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