



The Parish of Our Lady & St John & Christ the King



Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote

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PARISH NEWSLETTER: 01/03/20. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday Mass times	6.00pm (Sat)	10.00am	11.30(Woodcote)
Readers: 29/02-01/03	M & M Lewis	Wheatley Family	Heath Family
" 07/03- 08/03	S Enright	C Cole / S Cook	R Metcalf
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group C(Goring)	R Fec (Woodcote)	////////////////////
Counting/banking(next weekends)	01/03 - C Gregory	08/03 - P Ashton	15/03 - P Ashton

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 23/02/20 = £348.20p - Cash & Envs only. Thanks to DD and SO donations also, not included.

PRAYERS PLEASE FOR- Dee Spears, Rosemary Allen, Ray & Margaret Lynch, Betty Browne, Elizabeth Leaver, Anne-Marie Hupé, Elizabeth Linley, Dora Nash, Kitty Holliday, Mary Hoban, John Warren, Fr Antony, Penelope Codner, Frances Shinkwin, Gill Flint, Joan Newbury.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR LIFE, LAST WEEKEND AMOUNTED TO £179.50p

ANNIVERSARIES
Peter Joseph Vilks, Jean Kilduff
Requiescant in pace

CONGRATULATIONS and every blessing to the Bonnett family whose latest baby was baptised **Raphael, Robert Paul** on Sunday 23rd in St Joseph's Chapel at the Oratory School.

LILLIAN FITZBERBERT JONES RIP
As we pray for the repose of her soul, we extend our condolences to her family. Lillian has lived away from Goring for some years and died in Hunter Coombe Nursing Home, Nuffield on 19 February. Her funeral service will take place on Friday 2 March at 2.00pm.

TEMPTATION IN THE DESERT
Jesus is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness. In biblical terms the place where God tests His holy ones. In His humanity Our Lord was tempted in unique ways and we see how He dealt with it. The first temptation is about exclusive reliance on material things. He responds with a quote from Deut 8:3; a reference to the lack of faith shown by the people of Israel as they journeyed towards the Promised Land. The second temptation is about trust in God. Jesus refers to Deut. 6;16; an example of resentment shown by the people, refusing to let God demonstrate His power and providence towards them. The third temptation is about the corruption of earthly power. This means leaving God out of the equation when it comes to finding solutions for the world's many problems. In all these temptations the aim of Satan is to cause Jesus to see an easier, worldly way of attracting followers; a way that involves spectacle and the use of His powers to relieve human misery without any cost to Himself. Beyond every one of these temptations is of course the ultimate acceptance by Jesus of the hard road that would take Him to Calvary. Only thus could death and the Devil's hold over mankind be destroyed. We all need to learn that what God wills for us is always best but we often don't see that or seek a way to avoid the challenge; the hard road that leads to peace.

RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
This event has been better publicised in some dioceses than others. Our bishops will conduct the ceremony individually in each diocese, on Sunday 29th March. Pope Francis has blessed a new icon of Our Lady for the occasion. We are recommended to recite the "Angelus" each day and ask the intercession of Our Lady for the good of the nation. It will be prayed just before the 6pm Mass on Saturday. Prayer cards available.

SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 29 - feria
6.00pm - Parish
Sun 01 March
10.00am - Peter Joseph Vilks RIP
11.30 - William O'Connell RIP
Mon - 2 - **St Chad** (Patron of Birmingham)
10.00am -
Tue - 3 - feria
(No Mass today)
Wed. 4 - feria
9.30am -
Thu - 5 - feria
12.00pm n - (Woodcote)
Fri - 6 - feria
10.00am -
2.00pm- *Funeral Service of Lillian Fitzherbert Jones*
Sat 7 - SS Perpetua & Felicity
6.00 pm - Parish
Sun -1 March - **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**
10.00am -
11.30am -
Confessions may be heard from 11-11.30am and after 6pm Mass on Sat. Confessions at Woodcote on 3rd Sat of each month.

SUNDAY HYMNS
178
485
604
606

DOING THAT BIT EXTRA FOR LENT
Those under 18 and those over 60 are exempt from fasting. But there are treats we can forego. At the same time prayer and almsgiving are possible in many situations. A source of blessing can be a visit to the church for 10 minutes of prayer at any time during the day, or even the briefest round of the Stations of the Cross (the meditations may be as long or as short as you can manage) and you can also meditate on them in your own home. Mass on a weekday calls for some discipline but is its own reward. The church is open from 8am -6pm and Our Lord is always present in the Blessed Sacrament, awaiting your visit.

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no 234216

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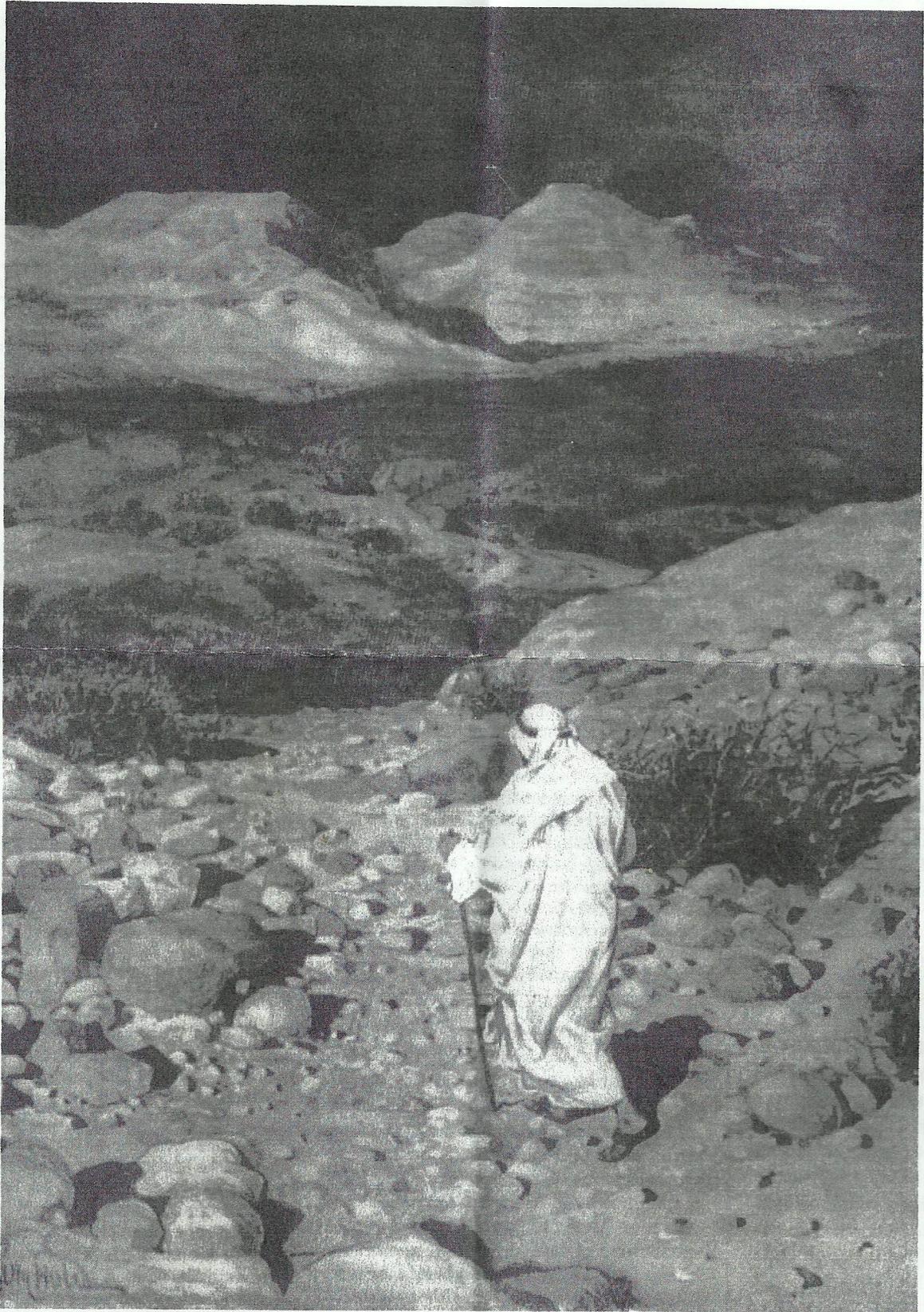


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