

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY & ST JOHN, Goring on
Thames and CHRIST THE KING, Woodcote**
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SUNDAY MASS TIMES -	6.00pm (Sat)	10.00am	11.30am (Woodcote)
READERS 12-13 Dec	M. Wilkinson	C Cole/H Natahanielsz	Heath Family
" 19-20 Dec	C. Sexon	Wheatley Family	R Metcalf
CLEANING/FLOWERS	Heath Family (W) 19 Dec	Group C (G) – 19 Dec	////////////////////
COUNTERS (Next 3 weeks)	S. Jones - 14 Dec	C. Quinton – 21 Dec	W. O'Connell – 28 Dec

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 6.12.15 = £514.00p Many thanks to contributors & the counters.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK – St John of the Cross (1542-91). Spanish Carmelite mystic whose poetry and spirituality has had great influence over the centuries. He was a friend of St Teresa. Often misunderstood in his time and even persecuted by his own Order, he remains a great and profound spiritual figure.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES CARD – is now available on the table in church. Please take one for your household so that you and all your family may be fully aware of our seasonal timetable.

SEASONAL GREETINGS FROM FR TOM – Christmas greetings to the Parish Priest & Parishioners of Our Lady & St John, Goring-on-Thames. Another Christmas away from Goring but I remember you all kindly and pray for you every day. I am glad to have known you all and thank you for your friendship. Let's pray for each other that we may meet in heaven. May your Christmas be the best ever. With Christmas & New Year celebrations. God Bless and love. X

CHURCH CLEANING & DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS – This will take place on Mon 21 Dec at 1.30pm. We would be grateful for as much help as possible as many hands make light work. Even if you are not on the cleaning rota, you may like to contribute by helping out at this important time of the year. We also need lots of greenery, ivy, etc. to decorate the window sills. So please search your gardens and hedgerows for anything suitable.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT ST MICHAEL'S, SONNING COMMON – A seasonal opportunity for confession, beginning with prayers & readings at **7.30pm. Mon 21 Dec.**

POOR PARISHES COLLECTION LAST W/E = £164 (Woodcote still to come)

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS –
You desire that it should always be spring in your soul, but that cannot be. We must desire vicissitudes of weather both interiorly as well as exteriorly. It is only in heaven that we shall find the perpetual ripening of summer, the perpetual fruition of autumn. There, we shall have no winter, but here winter is required for the exercise of forbearance and of a thousand other small virtues which are practiced in times of sterility. St Francis de Sales (1567-1622).

Sun 13 Dec – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (<i>Gaudete</i>) Sat 6.00pm – Parish Sun 10.00am – Baby Raphael Dixon RIP 11.30am – Mon 14 – feria (St John of the Cross) 10.00am – Tue 15 - feria 9.30am – Wed 16 - feria 9.30am- Thu 17- feria 9.30am - (No Mass at Woodcote today due to a funeral elsewhere).	HYMNS 478 376 493 221	Fri 18 – feria 9.00am – Holy Hour & Benediction 10.00- Sat 19 – feria 9.30am – 6.00pm – Sun 20 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.30am – 11.30am – 4.00pm – <i>Vespers & Benediction</i> (Woodcote) Confession – Saturdays: 10.30–11.00am and after 6pm Mass (Goring). <u>Confession at Woodcote:</u> 12-12.30pm, 3rd Saturday of the month. At other times on call at Goring.
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