

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 16-17 Jan	Walker Family	Children	S. Hart
" 23-24 Jan	B. Barrett	McIntosh Family	Mr & Mrs Sims
CLEANING/FLOWERS	23 Jan - Group C (G)	23 Jan - S. Allen (W)	////////////////////
COUNTERS (Next 3 weeks)	18 Jan - D. Godley	25 Jan - C. Gregory	31 Jan - S. Jones

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 11. 01.16 = £572.00p Many thanks to all contributors & Gift Aid supporters.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK – St Wulstan(1008-95) - Benedictine Bishop of Worcester where he built the cathedral. The only Saxon bishop who was not replaced by a Norman after 1066. **SS Fabian & Sebastian** – Fabian was Pope from 236-50 and was very effective leader at a time of persecution. He was martyred under Emperor Decius. Sebastian was martyred in 300. He was an officer in the imperial guard who converted to Christianity. **St Agnes** (d. 304) - A thirteen-year-old whose heroism in persecution and martyrdom won her huge popularity as a saint. Two major churches in Rome were dedicated to her. **St Vincent** (d. 304) A noted Spanish Deacon who was put to death in the severe persecution throughout the Roman Empire that occurred in the early 4th century.

INTER-CHURCH LENT GROUPS will start during the week commencing 15 Feb. Details are available at the back of our churches. Please sign up promptly to ensure you get into the group of your choice.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – will be conferred in Our Lady & St John, by His Grace the Archbishop of Birmingham on 4 May, at 7pm. An assembly of all candidates (13+ years of age) to arrange suitable preparation and instruction, will take place in the church on **Wed 3 Feb, at 7pm**. Parents are most welcome to attend with any helpful suggestions.

STATION MASSES IN LENT – Many thanks to the six families that have offered the hospitality of their homes for Mass on a Wednesday evening during Lent. It will be a wonderful opportunity to bring the holiness and grace of the Mass to homes and their guests and to do something extra to make Lent and this Year of Mercy very special. Dates will be emailed to those involved.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – All parents with baptised children aged 7+ who have not yet been prepared but are eligible to receive this Sacrament are advised that lessons will begin on Tues 26 Jan at 4.00pm. They will be held in the church. It may be necessary to have another lesson on Wed. or Thu. for any children who are not free to attend the Tuesday slot.

BLESSED JH NEWMAN'S PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY- O Lord Jesus Christ who when Thou was about to suffer didst pray for Thy disciples to the end of time that they might all be one, as Thou art in the Father and the Father in Thee, look down in pity on the manifold divisions among those who profess Thy faith and heal the many wounds which the pride of man and the craft of Satan have inflicted on they people. Break down the walls of separation which divide one party and denomination of Christians from another. Look with compassion on the souls who have been born in one or other of these communions, which not Thou, but man hath made...Teach all men that the See of Peter, the Holy Church of Rome is the foundation, centre and instrument of unity. Open their hearts to the long-forgotten truth that the Holy Father, the Pope, is Thy Vicar and Representative; and that in obeying him in matters of religion they are obeying Thee, so that as there is but one company in heaven above, so likewise there may be one communion, confessing and glorifying Thy holy Name, here below. Amen

PARISH DAY AT DOUAI- details are now on display at the back of Goring & Woodcote churches. Please put your name on the list provided if you would like to take part.

Fr Antony will be away from Monday 18th until Sunday 24th. Woodcote Mass on 24th will be offered by Fr Ken McNab.

Sun 17 Jan – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Sat 6.00pm – Fiona Lady St Cyres RIP
 Sun 10.00am – (Children's Mass)
 11.30am –
 (no Vespers & Benediction at Woodcote today)
 Mon 18 – feria (Church Unity Octave begins)
 10.00am –
 Tue 19 – St Wulstan
 9.30am –
 Wed 20- SS Pope Fabian & Sebastian
 9.30am –
 Thu 21 – St Agnes
 9.30am –
 12.00 –

HYMNS
 156
 612
 613
 282

Fri 22- St Vincent of Saragossa
 9.00am – Holy Hour & Benediction
 10.00-
 Sat 23- Our Lady's Saturday
 9.30am –
 6.00pm -
 Sun 24 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 10.00 –
 11.30am –

Confession – Saturdays: 10.30–11.00am and after 6pm Mass (Goring). Confession at Woodcote: 12-12.30pm, **3rd Saturday of the month.** At other times on call at Goring.