

**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 5-6 Dec	R & P Knollys	R Mortimer/P Seymour	Mayer Family
“ 12-13 Dec	M. Wilkinson	C Cole/H Nathanielsz	Heath Family
CLEANING/FLOWERS	S Lewin/R Metcalf (W)- 12 Dec	Group B (G) – 12 Dec	////////////////////
COUNTERS (Next 3 weeks)	J. Vilk – 7 Dec	S. Jones -14 Dec	C. Quinton – 21 Dec

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 29.11.15 = £422.00p Many thanks to contributors & the counters.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK – St Ambrose (339-97) Aristocratic Roman, born in Trier, he became Bishop of Milan. Theologian and strong defender of the faith he baptised St Augustine. **The Immaculate Conception** – A dogma with a long history of acceptance, it was finally defined infallibly in 1854 by Blessed Pope Pius IX. Mary was preserved at her conception from any taint of original sin. **St Damasus I** – (304-84) Great pope and academic of 4th century. He promoted devotion to the Catacombs as shrines of the early martyrs. **Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Patron of the Americas. Science can't explain the origin of this image which is both mysterious and miraculous.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – The total amount received so far was **£1,181**. Coupled with the extra sum payable from Gift Aid on most of these donations, this represents an excellent response to this appeal. Many thanks to all who have contributed generously.

CONGRATULATIONS – and every blessing on Ava Violet Hawkins and her family, who was baptised on Friday afternoon at Our Lady & St John.

POPE FRANCIS' HOLY YEAR OF MERCY will be inaugurated with a Solemn Mass in Our Lady & St Anne church, Caversham at 7.30pm on Tue. 8 Dec. The ceremony will include the **Opening of the Holy Door** of Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady. This will be a special gathering of clergy and people from the whole Deanery. Let's make sure we are well represented.

Betty-Anne Henderson – a Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul will be offered at Christ the King church, on Thursday, 10 Dec at 12 noon.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to Frances McIntosh & Madeline Roberts and their families on the death of their mother Jean (Willett). Her funeral will take place jointly with that of her brother (Fr John Formby) at St Margaret's, Twickenham, on Thu 17 Dec. at 12 noon.

CONGRATULATIONS to Eleanor Hupé of Woodcote and Mark Brown, married at Christ the King on Saturday. May they together enjoy a long and happy home and family life.

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS –
I am pleased for my friars to study the Scriptures as long as they do not neglect application to prayer, after the example of Christ, of whom we read that he prayed more than he read.
St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

Sun 6 Dec – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sat 6.00pm – George Friel RIP
Sun 10.00am – Parish
11.30am –
Mon 7 - St Ambrose of Milan
10.00am –
Tue 8 Dec. – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
9.30am –
7.30pm – (Solemn Mass at Caversham)
Wed 9 - feria
9.30am-
Thu 10 – feria
9.30am -
12.00- Betty-Anne Henderson RIP
(Requiem Mass)

2nd COLLECTION - POOR PARISHES
HYMNS
535
302
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637

Fri 11 – Poe St Damasus I
9.00am – Holy Hour & Benediction
10.00- Francis Gribben RIP
Sat 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe
9.30am –
6.00pm –
Sun 13 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)
9.30am –
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.