



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

Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote
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PARISH BULLETIN: 10/12/2017. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) Ps Wk 1

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 3/12/17 (Envs & cash) = £530.00p Thank you to all who support our two churches.

Sunday Mass times	6.00pm (Sat)	10.00am	11.30(Woodcote)
Readers : 9-10 Dec	Knollys Family	Birmingham Family	MM Griffiths/Gregory
" 16-17 Dec	Lewis Family	R Mortimer/P Seymour	G McAdden
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group B (Goring)	S Lewin/R Metcalf	////////////////////
Counters (next 3 weeks)	11/12 - C Holliday	18/12 -W O'Connell	26/12 - C Quinton

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND For POOR PARISHES

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – A card is available with the full timetable of the week from Dec 17th to Jan 1st 2018. The timing of the local carol singing on 24th December had not been known when our timetable was set. I was told later that the band could only come at 5pm. I sincerely hope this clash will not prevent any of you attending the Christmas Eve Mass at Goring.

MUSIC & REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT – Douai Abbey Singers sing new and old classical pieces with reflections by the monks on Sunday 17th Dec at 3.30-pm. Admission free but a contribution may be given at the end.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Miriam Pereira, Rosemary Allun, Ray & Margaret Lynch, Rev Paul Boughton, Mary Hoban, Betty Browne, Helen Brown, Michael Browne, Jenny Logan, John Moss.

PARISH DIARIES for 2018 are available free, on the table in church.

CHURCH CLEANING & DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will take place on Friday 22nd Dec., at 10.30am. All volunteers most welcome. Flowers, holly and ivy in abundance are also needed.

FEASTS & SAINTS THIS WEEK;

St Damasus – Pope from 366-384. Of Spanish descent and very intellectual, he commissioned a translation of the Bible into Latin.

Our Lady of Guadalupe– The Patronal title of Our Lady in Mexico.

St Lucy – (d.304) – Martyred at Syracuse in Sicily and devotion to her became widespread. She is listed with saints in the Roman Canon of Mass.

St John of the Cross (1542-91) - Carmelite and mystic. He wrote some wonderful poetry and was a friend of Teresa of Avila.

St Anne's & St Martin's RC Primary Schools – Our parish has no RC state school. Two such good schools are located not far away in Caversham. Ofsted have rated them "good" with strong SATS results. My two children went to St Martin's. Like many Catholic schools they have a wonderful ethos emphasizing, love, learning and inclusion. They both require good governors to guide strategy and help development. Experience in education is not essential to this role. Leadership, business and finance are ideal skills, which –if added to education- would make a great combination. Below is my name and contact details. Similarly if you have young children and might be interested in providing them with a good Catholic education a show-round of the schools might just convince you. My contact details are:

William.a.quinton@gmail.com (07990 5231630) <http://www.stmartinscaversham.co.uk> and <http://www.st-annes.reading.school.uk>

HEALTH & SAFETY

This is an area of admin that came up in the context of the parish audit. It requires someone who knows the subject to check that we are doing the right things in regard to it. Any offers to take it on?

SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 9 December: 6.00pm – Parish
Sun 10 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10.00am –
11.30am –
Mon 11 feria (Pope St Damasus I)
10.00am –
Tue 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
9.30am –
Wed 13 – feria (St Lucy)
9.30am –
Thu 14 feria (St John of the Cross)
9.30am – Mr & Mrs Byrne (40th Wedding Anniv)
12.00 –

**Sunday
Hymns**
538
478
298
513

Fri 15 – feria

9.00am – *Holy hour, followed by Mass.*

10.00am –

Sat 16 – feria

6.00pm – Parish

Sun 17 –THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*Gaudete*)

10.00am –

11.30am –

Confessions – 11.00-11.30am and after 6.00pm Mass on Saturday. Confessions at Woodcote; 12.00-12.30pm on 3rd Saturday of each month. Confession is also available at other times on request.

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