



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

Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote

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**PARISH NEWSLETTER: 16/12 /2018. THIRD (*Gaudete*) SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Psalter wk 3

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 9/12/18 = £561.00p**(Cash & envelopes) Thank you to all who contribute by DD & SO as well as envelopes & cash

Sunday Mass times	6.00pm (Sat)	10.00am	11.30(Woodcote)
Readers : 15-16 Dec	S Enright	Children	R Metcalf
23-24 Dec	Lewis Family	MacIntosh Family	E Hupé/F Preston
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group E + others (Goring)	S Lewin/R Metcalf (Woodcote)	////////////////////
Counters (next 3 weekends)	17/12 - C Gregory	24/12- W O'Connell	31/12 - S Jones

**PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR** -Patricia Bursey, Rosemary Allen, Ray & Margaret Lynch, Conti Browne, Betty Browne, Elizabeth Leaver, Anne-Marie Hupé, Elizabeth Linley, Dora Nash & Kitty Holliday.

**POOR PARISH FUND COLLECTION AMOUNTED TO £119.00p**

**MUSIC & REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT**  
On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 3.30pm, at Douai Abbey, Woolhampton. Music provided by the Douai Abbey Singers and spiritual readings by the monks.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

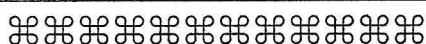
A Christmas card with details of the services for Christmas and New Year is available. Please take one if you are at home locally for the festive season.

## CONFESSION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Some of you may wish to take advantage of a visiting priest available at Woodcote on Sat. Dec 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12 noon.

Visiting priest will also be available for confessions at Goring on Sat Dec 22nd from 11am- 12noon.

There will also be a Penance Service at St Michael's, Sonning Common on Monday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm, with several priests hearing confessions.



## ADVENT 3 - GAUDETE SUNDAY

One of the oldest medieval carols has been sung again in recent years by various groups. You can find it on Utube if you type in "Gaudete Christmas Carol". Of course it was written with this Sunday in mind. The opening words of the Entrance antiphon at Mass is "Rejoice", and the Latin word for that is *Gaudete*. As with the middle Sunday in Lent the vestments are rose and readings sound a note of expectation of better times to come. We are closer to the realisation of what was promised long ago and is still a living and powerful tradition of faith and hope.

## CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS' SERVICE AND MASS

The early evening Mass at Goring will be preceded by a Service of Readings & Carols at 4.30pm. It is the intention to involve the children in reading, serving and a special candlelit Procession to the Crib. A parent will be in charge of the children for this latter part of the ceremony. The Mass will finish before 6pm, avoiding any clash with the village torchlight event.

## CLEANING & DECORATION OF GORING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

will take place on Friday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> from around 10.30am- a combination of all the talents. Helpers and gifts of holly, ivy and donations for, or gifts of flowers most welcome.

## SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 15- feria  
11.00-12.00-*Confessions at Woodcote*  
8.00pm - Parish  
Sun 16- THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10.00am -  
11.30am -  
Mon 17 - feria  
10.00am -  
Tue 18 - feria  
9.30am -  
Wed 19 - feria  
9.30am -  
Thu 20 - feria  
9.30am -  
12.00 - (Woodcote)  
Fri 21 - feria  
9.00am - *Holy Hour & Benediction followed by Mass*  
10.00am -  
Sat 22 - feria  
11.00- 12.00 - *Confessions at Goring*  
6.00pm - Parish  
23 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10.00am -  
11.30am- (Woodcote)

**SUNDAY HYMNS**  
**414**  
**62**  
**418**  
**463**

**Confession** available 11.00am Sat & after 6pm Mass. At Woodcote: 12pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - due to several children being unavailable on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, it has been decided to cancel this lesson. In the New Year, the lessons will commence on Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the parents whose children are taking part in lessons, for all the support and encouragement you have given them at home and in church.

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