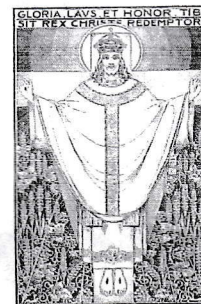




The Parish of Our Lady & St John & Christ the King

Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote
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PARISH BULLETIN: 17/12/2017. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – *Gaudete* (B) Ps Wk 3

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 10/12/17 (Envs & cash) = **£317.00p** Thank you to all who support our two churches.

Sunday Mass times	6.00pm (Sat)	10.00am	11.30(Woodcote)
Readers : 16-17 Dec	Lewis Family	R Mortimer/P Seymour	G McAdden
" 22-23 Dec	J O'Donohue	D Browne/K Harding	Hart Family
24-25 Dec	<i>See Special List</i>	<i>See Special List</i>	<i>See Special List</i>
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group C (Goring)	Heath Family	////////////////////
Counters (next 3 weeks)	18/12 – W O'Connell	26/12 – C Quinton	2/01 – C Gregory

SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND
For
POOR PARISHES AMOUNTED TO £135.

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.

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.

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

There is a Penance Service at St Michael's, Sonning Common on Monday 18th at 7pm. All welcome.

A visiting priest (from Douai Abbey) will be available at Goring to hear confessions on Sat 23rd from 10.30am-11.30am.

Confession will also be available at Woodcote on Sat 23rd from 12-1pm.

FEASTS & SAINTS THIS WEEK;

THE GREAT "O" DAYS – From the 17th to the 24th of December the last week of Advent the antiphons at Morning & Evening Prayer and the Alleluia verse at Mass are special. Each day refers to a different title that connects with a biblical prophecy of the Messiah. Thus, the first is "O Wisdom of the Most High". The last one on 24th is "O Emmanuel".

This tradition of celebrating that last week in Advent with these special antiphons goes back to at least the time of Pope Gregory I (590-604).

The sum of **£1,380** has been sent to **CAFOD** in response to the Harvest Day Collection. This does not include Gift Aid which will be added and will of course increase the final total. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

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 16 Dec. 6.00pm – Parish
Sun 17 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10.00am – Jamie Shanahan RIP
11.30am –
Mon 18- feria
10.00am –
Tue 19 - feria
9.30am –
Wed 20 – feria
9.30am – Vincent Ryan RIP
Thu 21 - feria
9.30am –
12.00 – Mary Porter RIP

Sunday Hymns
80
156
222
167

Fri 22 - feria

9.00am – *Holy hour, followed by Mass at 10am*

Sat 23 - feria

10.30-11.30am – **Confessions (Goring)**

12.00- 1pm – **Confessions (Woodcote)**

6.00pm – Tina Rapinet RIP

Sun 24 –FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00am –

11.30am – Parish

4.30pm – Readings & Carols with Mass at 5pm (Goring)

7.30pm – Readings & Carols & Mass at 8pm (Woodcote)

Mon 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

10am – Mass with carols (Goring)

11.30am – Mass with carols (Woodcote)

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