

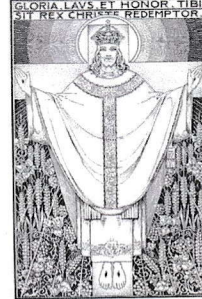


The Parish of Our Lady & St John & Christ the King

Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote

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PARISH NEWSLETTER: 17/03/19. SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 10/03/19 = £432.00p (Cash & envelopes) Thank you to all who contribute by DD & SO as well as envelopes & cash

Readers : 16-17 Mar	J O'Donohue	Children	G Mc Adden
" 23-24 Mar	C & D Sexon	Birmingham Family	Hart Family
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group B (Goring)	T Mills (Woodcote)	////////////////////
Counters (next 3 weekends)	18/03 - S Jones	25/03 - C Quinton	1/04 - 1/11/19

THE SEASON OF LENT - Three effective ways that make more time for God in our lives and add devotion to effort: 1) Mass on a weekday; 2) Stations of the Cross on Friday at 5pm; 3) Some time spent in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday from 4.30pm.

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, Mary Hoban, Jane Newbury, David Birmingham.

ANNIVERSARIES
Bridget Ledgerwood, Rachel O'Sullivan,
Sheila Mary Lowe,
Requiescant in pace

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY
Envelopes are available for the remainder of the month for your donations to allow maximum opportunity to donate.

✠STATIONS OF THE CROSS✠

On Fridays during Lent at 5.00pm

SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 16 - feria
4.40pm - *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Rosary & Benediction at 5.30pm*
6.00pm - Parish
Sun 17- SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
10.00am -
11.30-
Mon -18 feria
10.00am -
Tue 19 -**ST JOSEPH**
9.30am -
Wed 20 - feria
9.30am -
Thu 21 - feria
12.00 - (Woodcote)
Fri 22 - feria
10.00am -
5.00pm - *Stations of the Cross*
Sat 23 - feria
11.00- *Confessions* (Goring)
5.00pm - *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*
6.00pm - Parish
Sunday 24 - **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**
10.00am -
11.30am-
Confession available 11.00am Sat & after 6pm Mass. At Woodcote: 12pm on 3rd Sat of the month.

SUNDAY HYMNS
99
414
341
56

St Patrick's Day this year is eclipsed by the Second Sunday in Lent which takes precedence over it. But the celebrations will go on in other ways. The legacy of the saint was the tenacity and fervour of the Catholicism that he brought to the island of Ireland. Out of it came a long and rich tradition of loyalty which continued right up to our own time.. Of course it is no longer as evident or as powerful as it once was. Nevertheless, generations of Irish people persevered against the odds and those who emigrated helped to spread the faith to the other continents. Some of the great cathedrals in the English-speaking world owe their existence to the contributions of immigrants from Ireland. While today's crisis of faith and credibility has to be recognised for want it is the real heart of the festival is not just culture, music and national self-awareness. Rather it should be the long centuries of expansion of faith and of religious life, care education and welfare which despite the shadows of scandal did so much good for so many.

This week we also celebrate the feast of **St Joseph** as Patron of the Universal Church. Some images of him portray him as an old which is unlikely to have been true in real life. Devotion to him goes back to the early centuries of the Church. There is a record of his feast day being celebrated in England in the decades following the Norman Conquest. Devotion to him was a huge part of the revival of Catholic piety immediately following the Protestant Reformation. He came to be seen as a model of solid and consistent obedience to the will of God as well as the other parent of Jesus that raised him in the obscurity of Nazareth. He would have guided and taught the boy Jesus like any other father of his time. It is known that for some years Jesus followed in his earthly father's trade of carpenter. Because he died while Jesus was still young and with him at the end, St Joseph is patron of the dying.

LENT COURSE AT OUR LADY & ST ANNE, CAVERSHAM - A weekly course of lectures from Monday 18th March to Monday 15th April, on the Catholic faith, given by Mgr Patrick Daly PhD. Talks begin at 7.30pm and end at 8.30pm with tea and biscuits. Sessions will examine the Creed, the essential formula of what every true Christian must believe and accept regarding such truths as the humanity & divinity of Christ and the reality of God as One but yet a Trinity of Persons.

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