



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

Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote
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PARISH BULLETIN: 24/12/2017. FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - (B) (Christmas Octave from Monday)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION 17/12/17 (Envs & cash) = £614.08p Thank you to all who support our two churches.

Sunday Mass times	6.00pm (Sat)	10.00am	11.30(Woodcote)
Readers : 23-24 Dec	J O'Donohue	D Browne/K Harding	Hart Family
Readers: 24-25 Dec	4.30pm - <i>Special List</i> 8.00-pm - <i>Special List</i>	10.00am -Bermingham Family	11.30am : <i>Special List</i>
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group D (Goring)	R Lonsdale/F Preston	////////////////////
Counters (next 3 weeks)	26/12 - C Quinton	2/01/18 -C Gregory	9/01 - S Jones

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – A card is available with the full timetable of the week from Dec 24th 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.

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.

THANK YOU – to everyone who helped in any way with the cleaning, polishing of brasses, arranging of flowers, & decoration of the church for Christmas.



BERYL ISABELLA SEXON RIP – Our sincere condolences and prayers for Dave, Chris and their families on the death aged 94 of their mother after a short illness. She received the last rites of the Church. Requiem Mass & funeral will take place in Weston Favell, close to where she had been living. *Requiescat in pace.*

FEASTS & SAINTS THIS WEEK;
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD – Without a doubt a day of global significance, especially for the world's 2 billion Christians.

Stephen – Greek Deacon who became the first martyr among the early Christians: A reminder that witness can mean sacrifice of life itself.

John the Evangelist – Youngest disciple of Jesus and writer of a Gospel, the Apocalypse and 3 other NT letters.

Holy Innocents- baby boys in Bethlehem, killed on Herod's orders.

Thomas Becket – (1118-70) London-born and clever, he was close to Henry II who was at first grateful for his skill and expertise. Once made Archbishop of Canterbury he opposed the king and was murdered in the Cathedral by four knights on 29th December, 1170. Within weeks miracles were reported at his grave. He was canonized in 1173.
Sylvester- Pope from 314-335. He witnessed the end of the persecutions and beginning of better times.

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 23 Dec. 6.00pm – Parish
Sun 24 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10.00am –
11.30am –
4.30- *Readings & Carols* (Goring)
5.00pm- *Mass of Christmas*
8.00pm – *Readings & Carols* (Woodcote)
8.30pm – *Mass of Christmas*
Mon 25- **CHRISTMAS DAY**
10.00am – *Mass with Carols* (Goring)
(Church closed after Mass)
11.30am – *Mass with Carols* (Woodcote)

Sunday Hymns
641
14
220
605

Tue 26 – **St Stephen**
10.00am –
Wed 27- **St John**
9.30am – Thanksgiving (Ashton Family)
Thu 28 – **Holy Innocents**
9.30am –
12.00- (Woodcote)
Fri 29 – **St Thomas Becket**
9.00am – *Holy Hour with Benediction*
10.00am –
Sat 30 – Christmas Octave
6.00pm –
Sun 31- **HOLY FAMILY**

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