

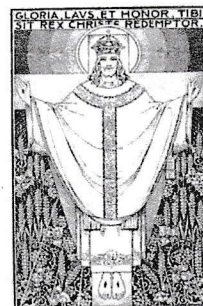


The Parish of Our Lady & St John & Christ the King

Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote

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PARISH NEWSLETTER: 24/03/19. THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 17/03/19 = £508.00p (Cash & envelopes) Thank you to all who contribute by DD & SO as well as envelopes & cash

Readers : 23-24 Mar	C & D Saxon	Birmingham Family	Hart Family
" 30-31 Mar	M Wilkinson	MacIntosh Family	A & R Sims
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group D (Goring)	A Sims (Woodcote)	////////////////////
Counters (next 3 weekends)	18/03 - C Quinton	01/03 - J Vilk	08/04 - W O'Connell

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND APPEAL

This weekend we welcome Maria McCaffrey, a representative of this charity who will be speaking at all Sunday Masses. Craft items made in the Holy Land will also be available for sale. We hear only vague reports about the condition of Christians and minorities in the land of Our Lord's birth, death and Resurrection so it will be interesting to hear more about the situation there and perhaps how we can help—if not immediately then in the long term.

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.

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PENANCE

Some burden themselves with excessive penances and with many other impractical exercises of their own self-will, putting their confidence in such acts and believing that they can thereby become saints. If they used half the same diligence in mortifying unruly appetites and passions they would advance more in one month than in many whole years with their chosen exercises. St John of the Cross (1542-1591), spiritual director of St Teresa of Avila.

CAFOD LENT DONATIONS

Envelopes are available for the remainder of the month for your donations to allow maximum opportunity to donate. Funds are most urgently needed to aid the victims of the disastrous flooding in Mozambique, & Zimbabwe.

✠STATIONS OF THE CROSS✠

On Fridays during Lent at 5.00pm

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 (or on another day during the week). These moments given to Our Lord should sharpen our desire to do good and aid others in any kind of need.

SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 23 – feria
4.50pm – *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Rosary & Benediction at 5.30pm*
6.00pm – Parish
Sun 24 – **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**
10.00am –
11.30 –
Mon – 25 **THE ANNUNCIATION**
10.00am –
Tue 26 – feria
9.30am –
Wed 27 – feria
9.30am –
Thu 28 – feria
12.00 – (Woodcote)
Fri 29 – feria
10.00am –
5.00pm – *Stations of the Cross*
Sat 30 – feria
11.00 – *Confessions (Goring)*
4.50pm – *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*
6.00pm – Parish
Sunday 31 – **FOURTH 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**
677
563
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275

From Fr Antony – *For most of the weeks since January that I have been having my course of treatment I have been able to continue routines in the parish. The past week brought a change which required hospital visits and medication. It's difficult to predict these side-affects. I would like to thank you all for your continued prayers and to express my gratitude also to the parishioners who have provided me with transport to and from hospital as well as the ready meals and items of shopping some of you have kindly left which have allowed me time to rest. I continue optimistic and look forward to a clear and problem-free diagnosis in due course. Our parish Finance and General Purpose Committee will meet on Tuesday evening to review our increasingly improving financial situation and to begin the process towards the issue of tenders for the building project and the selection of a builder. That will not be the end of the agenda as we still have to formally make application to the diocese for funding of a major expense.*

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