

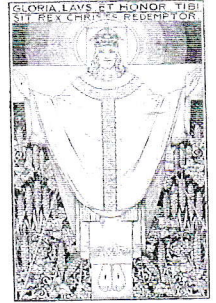


The Parish of Our Lady & St John & Christ the King

Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote

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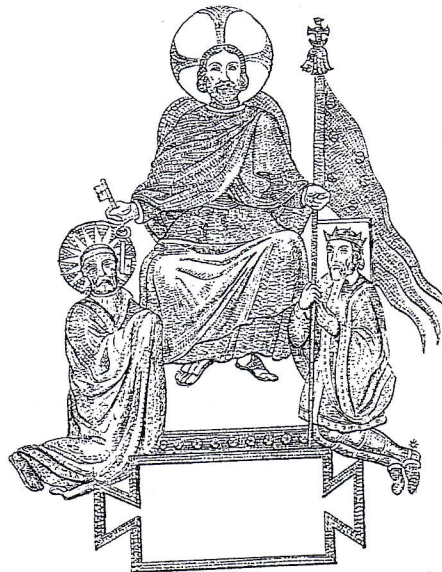
PARISH NEWSLETTER: 25/11/2018. CHRIST THE KING. Psalter wk 2.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 18/11/18 = £435.00p (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: 24-25 Nov	M Wilkinson	McIntosh Family	R & A Sims
1-2 Dec	L Ellis	D Browne/ R Harding	Mayer Family
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group B (Goring)	T Mills (Woodcote)	////////////////////
Counters (next 3 weekends)	26/11 - S Jones	3/12 - W O'Connell	10/12 - J Vilks

THE NEW ALTAR PANELS

They are a gift to the church and were commissioned specially and painted by a Chinese artist. They represent -though not in every detail- a copy of the famous, and some say miraculous altar piece of the Cathedral of St Bavo in Ghent which has survived theft, removal and two world wars. It was painted by the Van Eyck brothers, regarded as among the greatest artists of that period. The upper panels of the original, representing Christ in majesty, Our Lady, St John the Baptist and Adam & Eve have not been reproduced here; details of the lower panels are. The Mayor of Ghent commissioned the full altarpiece and it was completed in 1432. It is both biblical and liturgical in inspiration. The centre panel is called "The Mystic Adoration of the Lamb". Angels worship the Lamb as written in the Book of Revelation, with some either side of the Altar holding instruments of the Passion. The Lamb stands upon the Altar showing a chalice into which flows the Precious Blood of the Lamb (a sign of the Mass as Sacrifice & Sacrament). The frontal of the Altar has the words from the Mass in Latin "Ecce Agnus Dei qui tollit peccata mundi"; behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Above the Lamb is a Dove, radiating light like the sun and representing the Holy Spirit. The background looks far into the distance and shows a verdant landscape with blue sky, representing paradise and nature all in tune with harmony and peace brought about by the Sacrifice of the Lamb. The artist of our panels has captured with amazing precision the detail in the original work. More next week on the side panels.



Tenth century mosaic showing Christ handing keys (spiritual power) to St. Peter, and the stand (temporal power) to Constantine.

CHRIST IS KING:

Not as an enforcer of authority but as an agent of divine power aiding and sustaining us above all when we are at our weakest. His rule embraces hearts and minds seeking truth, justice and virtue for their own sake. We are all indebted to Him in ways that we can never repay, yet He continues to bestow his favours more generously than ever.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
preparation classes for children
continue on Tuesdays at 4.15pm.

SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 24 Nov -

11.00- 11.30am - *Confessions*

8.00pm - Parish

Sun 25 - **CHRIST THE KING**

10.00am - NDL

11.30am - Michael O'Connell RIP

Mon 26 - feria

10.00am - NDL

Tue 27- feria

9.30am - NDL

Wed 28 -

9.30am - NDL

Thu 29 -feria

9.30am - NDL

12.00 - NDL (Woodcote)

Fri 30 St Andrew

9.00am - *Holy Hour & Benediction followed by Mass*

10.00am - NDL

Sat 1 Dec. St Edmund Campion

6.00pm - Parish

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

**SUNDAY
HYMNS**
249
313
288
465

SAINTS & FEASTS THIS WEEK

Andrew - Born in Bethsaida and worked as a fisherman. He was the first Apostle to be called by Christ to whom he brought his brother Simon (Peter). He was crucified in Patras, Greece. He is Patron Saint of Russia, Greece and Scotland.

Edmund Campion - 1540-1581. He was a schoolboy of Christ's Hospital in London and was chosen to address a speech in Latin to Queen Mary as she entered the City in triumph in July 1553. Her Catholic restoration must have made an impression on him for although he went to Oxford later in the reign of Elizabeth as a Protestant, he was reconciled to the Church and became a Jesuit and a literary champion of the faith. His brilliance made the government do all it could to win him back but he understood too well the fallacy of the Elizabethan settlement. He was hunted down relentlessly and finally executed at Tyburn.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR -Patricia Bursey, Rosemary Allen, Ray & Margaret Lynch, Conti Browne, Betty Browne, Elizabeth Leaver, Anne-Marie Hupé, Theresa Goddard, Elizabeth Linley, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Kate Ward & Dora Nash.

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