

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

Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote

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PARISH NEWSLETTER: 9/12 /2018. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Psalter wk 2

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 2/12/18 = £482.40p (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: 8-9 Dec	C & D Sexon	C Cole & H Nathanielsz	Heath Family
16-17 Dec	S Enright	Children	R Metcalf
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group D (Goring)	Mrs Allen (Woodcote)	///////////////////////////////////////
Counters (next 3 weekends)	10/12 – J Vilk	17/12 - Gregory	24/ 12 - S Jones

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

# SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR POOR PARISH FUND.

### MUSIC & REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT

On Sunday 16th Dece at 3.30pm, at Douai Abbey, Wolahampton. Music provided by the Douai abbey Singers and spiritual readings by the monks.

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

A Christmas card with details of the services for Christmas and New Year is available. Please take one if you are at home locally for the festive season.

# CONFESSION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Some of you may wish to take advantage of a visiting priest available at Woodcote on Sat. Dec 15th from 11am-12 noon.

Visiting priest will also be available for confessions at Goring on Sat Dec 22nd from 11am-12noon.

There will also be a Penance Service at St Michael's, Sonning Common on Monday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm, with several priests hearing confessions.

#### SAINTS & FEASTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady of Guadalupe – On Dec 9, 1531 Our Lady appeared to a small group of Mexican peasants and an image of the apparition was left on the apron of one of them. It is still venerated at one of the biggest basilicas in Mexico. Tests and examinations of the image under microscope have shown amazing details, such as figures of those who saw the apparition within the eyes. The feast is not always kept outside of Mexico but the devotion has become associated with the protection of unborn children

Lucy- Fourth- century martyr who died at Syracuse in Sicily where her veneration is still hugely popular. Devotion to her gradually spread with the growth of Christianity. She is mentioned among the early saints in Eucharistic Prayer I. A special day in her honour is kept in Sweden.

John of the Cross – 1542-1591. Spanish Carmelite priest who became a close friend of St Teresa of Avila and who-like her-led the reform of the religious life in the Order to which they both belonged. He suffered rejection by his own fraternity at one point. He wrote some of the most inspired religious poetry and is generally reckoned as one of the great mystics of all time.

# CLEANING & DECORATION OF GORING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

will take place on Friday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> from around 10.30am- a combination of all the talents. Helpers and gifts of holly, ivy and donations for, or gifts of flowers most welcome.

## SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 8 – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

11.30am- Sung Latin Mass

8.00pm - Parish

Sun 9 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY

HYMNS

535

293

400

644

10.00am – 11.30am –

Mon 10 - feria

10.00am -

Tue 11 - feria 9.30am -

Wed 12 – feria (O L of Guadalupe)

9.30am -

Thu 13 - St Lucy

9.30am -

12.00 - (Woodcote)

Fri 14 - John of the Cross

9.00am - Holy Hour & Benediction followed by

Mass 10.00am –

Sat 15- feria

11.00-11.30 - Confessions

6.00pm - Parish

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION preparation classes for children continue on Tuesdays at 4.15pm. This term's classes will end for the holidays on Tuesday 18th December and new session will commence on Tuesday January 8th.

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no 234216

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