

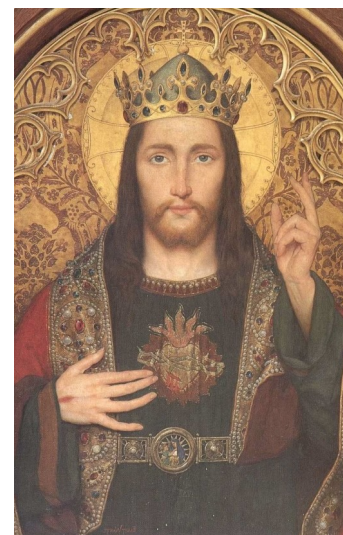


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MASS THIS WEEK

OCTOBER	XXVIII OF THE YEAR	Goring (Latin)	8.00am Parish and people
Sunday 11	(PENTECOST XLX)	Goring	10.00am Norrie Tapsell RIP
		Woodcote	11.30am Edna Pereira (bdy) & Felicity DaCosta RIP
Monday 12	St Wilfrid	Goring	10.00am Andrew Macnab (anniv.)
Tuesday 13	St Edward the Confessor	Goring	6.00pm Jonathan & Leila Mortimer
Wednesday 14	St Callistus	Goring	9.30am Fr Andrew Kenny (Johnson Assoc.)
Thursday 15	St Teresa of Avila	Woodcote	12.00pm Fr David Duggan (Johnson Assoc.)
Friday 16	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	Goring	10.00am Reparation to the Sacred Heart
		Woodcote	12.00pm <i>CONFESSIONS</i>
Saturday 17	St Ignatius of Antioch	Goring	5.15pm <i>CONFESSIONS</i>
		Goring (of Sunday)	6.00pm Rt Revv. David Evans & Stephen Wright
Sunday 18	XXIX OF THE YEAR	Goring (Latin)	8.00am Parish and people
	(PENTECOST XX)	Goring	10.00am Joseph Anthony Cade (anniv.)
		Woodcote	11.30am Fr KM intention

The priests are always delighted to receive requests for Mass intentions. Please keep them informed of those who are ill or housebound. Masses are preceded by Rosary. HOLY HOUR of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, ending with Benediction: Friday 9-10am. CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm. Thank you for your continued generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways. Collections are being counted monthly at the moment. The church buildings are disinfected between Masses and other safety precautions are in place. Please follow the stewards' guidance.

NORRIE TAPSELL, RIP
Norrie, the oldest member of our parish community, died peacefully on Friday morning, fortified by the rites of the church. She was a remarkable woman of great faith and it is hard to imagine the church in Goring without Norrie's presence in the front row by the sacristy door. Even in these last few months she took a delight in coming to Mass in her wheelchair, taking care to observe the new guidelines from the back of church. It is quite a thought that she was at Mass only three Sundays ago. Many of you will remember Norrie's birthday celebrations and the celebration when she received the *Bene merenti* medal.

She was a fortnight shy of her 104th birthday. We extend our sympathy to Eileen and Norrie's whole family and it is right to thank those who have given Norrie such support in recent years. May she rest in peace.

PLEASE AND THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who responded to my little appeal for extra help last week. Inevitably, various tasks have fallen on a slightly smaller number of shoulders during the lockdown months. The possibilities include

- church cleaning on a Saturday (sadly, restricted to under 70s)
- counting and banking
- stewarding at Mass
- co-ordinating the *Missio* boxes

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS

Thank you to all those who have put names down for First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. We have good numbers for both. My instinct is to start preparation sessions after half-term but it may be that that is more easily said than done with the government's Rule of Six in place. It may be that we will need to do things on an individual basis. I will be in touch.

LEAVING CHURCH

As autumn and winter kick in we will still need to use the one-way systems at both churches. Please mind the steps in the wet. Hand-rails are coming.

CAFOD from William Quinton

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worse of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world *survive, rebuild and heal*. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes. You can also give easily via text. **Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message.** Or you can make a contactless donation as you leave church.