



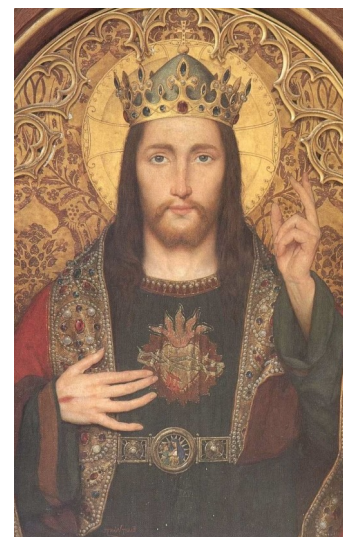
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SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2020



NOVEMBER Sunday 29	ADVENT I	Goring	8.30am Parish and people
Monday 30	ST ANDREW	Goring	8.30am Faithful departed
DECEMBER Tuesday 1	ST EDMUND CAMPION	Goring	8.30am A parishioner's private intention
Wednesday 2	Feria	Goring	9.30am Medical and nursing professions
Thursday 3	St Francis Xavier	Woodcote	12.00pm Fr Anthony Meredith RIP
Friday 4	St John Chrysostom	Goring	9.00am <i>HOLY HOUR</i> 10.00am Parish of St Birinus, Dorchester
Saturday 5	ST BIRINUS	Goring	6.00pm Garry Bennett (anniv.)
Sunday 6	ADVENT II	Goring (Latin) Goring Woodcote	8.00am Fr KM intention 10.00am Parish and people 11.30am Gillian Pereira (anniv.)

The priests are always delighted to receive requests for Mass intentions. Please let them know about the ill and housebound. From Wednesday this week we are able to celebrate the sacraments in public once more so, if not exactly "back to normal" we are back to the situation we have known since July. All the safety and health measures to which we have been accustomed will remain in place. Monday and Tuesday's Masses will also be streamed on the parish Facebook page and the Parish Priest's YouTube channel.

ADVENT IS HERE

This most gorgeous time of the Church's year is with us once again. Rather like Lent and Easter, our celebration of the feast of Christmas will depend in some measure on how well and how faithfully we manage to pray the weeks of Advent. The best way, of course, is to pray the Mass but there is a lot that can be done at home. Why not borrow an Office Book and pray Morning and Evening Prayer (Lauds and Vespers?) The *Walk with me* booklets from the diocese are available at the back of our churches as are some children's activities.

HOLY COMMUNION

Fingers crossed—we will try to start our classes this week.

PRAYERS PLEASE ...

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Betty, Dee, Elizabeth, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Kitty, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Chris, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Patricia.

... for the Holy Souls. It is not too late to submit more names to be remembered at Mass during these last few days of November. On Tuesday I will burn the slips of paper.

... for the soul of Judy Morrish who was laid to her rest in the churchyard at Whitchurch Hill last Friday on a frosty but beautify morning. Please pray for her sons and for her whole family.

... for Fr John and his people at St Birinus in Dorchester keeping their great feast day this week.

CHRISTMAS PLANS

The plan for keeping the feast is fairly busy. There will be three Masses on the evening of Christmas Eve and three on Christmas morning:

5pm Vigil Mass (Goring)
7.30pm Mass of the Night (W)
10.00pm Mass of the Night (G)
8.00am Mass of the Dawn (G)
10.00am Mass of the Day (G)
11.30am Mass of the Day (W)

Obviously we would have a huge problem if everyone comes to one and not to the others! To avoid disappointment please contact me by telephone or email as soon as you can to put your names down. It would be a kindness if we can spread the load.

Other village events will be happening. Keep your eyes open!

PARISH CARDS

During the next fortnight a card from the three churches in Goring will be delivered to village doors. If you can help drop these through letterboxes please let me know. They are sitting in St Thomas's at waiting for the right moment. Too soon and they become shopping lists. Too late and people may miss the services in church.

CYBERSPACE

To find our on-line worship please look for the **Kenneth Macnab** YouTube channel or the **Goring and Woodcote Catholic Parish** page on Facebook.