



*The Catholic Parish of Our Lady & St John, Goring-on-Thames
& Christ the King, Woodcote*

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SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021

FEBRUARY	LENT I	Goring (Latin)	8.00am Private intention (CM birthday)
Sunday 21	<i>Lent Sermon: Going to Mass with Marmion I</i>	Goring	10.00am Anne-Marie & David Hupé (40th anniv.)
		Goring (NB)	11.30am Parish and people
		Goring	5.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i>
Monday 22	CHAIR OF ST PETER	Goring	10.00am Kevin Watters (anniv.)
Tuesday 23	Feria (St Polycarp)	Goring	12.00pm <i>Midday Office & Stations of the Cross</i>
		Goring	6.00pm Geoffrey Craven RIP
Wednesday 24	Feria	Goring	9.30am Edna Hallifax RIP
Thursday 25	Feria	Goring (NB)	12.00pm Private intention (PF)
Friday 26	Feria <i>National CAFOD Family Fast Day</i>	Goring	9.00am <i>Holy Hour (Benediction 9.45)</i>
		Goring	10.00am Philip & Maureen Hesketh RIP
		Goring	6.00pm <i>Vespers & Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 27	Feria (St Gregory of Narek)	Goring	5.15pm <i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm Private intention (PF)
Sunday 28	LENT II	Goring (Latin)	8.00am Private intention (PF)
		Goring	10.00am Parish and people
		Goring (NB)	11.30am William O'Connell (anniv.)
		Goring	5.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross & Benediction</i>

The priests are always delighted to receive requests for Mass intentions. Please let us know about the ill and housebound. The church buildings are disinfected between Masses; other safety precautions laid down by the diocese are in place. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways. The Rosary is prayed 15 minutes before the daily Mass. Masses are on the Goring & Woodcote Catholic Parish page on Facebook and the Kenneth Macnab channel on YouTube.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

I am sorry that this did not seem to work last week. I suspect the problem lay with the battery. With a bit of luck it is up and working this morning. As in a shop, simply enter an amount (three amounts are pre-set but others can be entered by hand) tap your card on the machine and hey presto. The first time you will be asked about Gift Aid but happily this is a simplified procedure.

PARISH MEETING

I live in hope that we can hold the annual meeting in the spring when the lockdown is a little easier. In particular, my heartfelt thanks go out to those who prepared the 2020 accounts.

FIRST H.C. GROUP

Thursday at 4.30pm on Zoom.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday at 8.00pm on Zoom.
Any parish birthdays this week?

WOODCOTE REPAIRS

Conversations are taking place with the diocese. As I said last week, the repairs to the roof and ceiling will not be cheap or speedy. There are all sorts of considerations. I remain hopeful that we may be able to celebrate outdoor Masses in the spring when the weather co-operates. **ALL MASSES ARE AT GORING FOR NOW.**

THE VOTIVE LAMPS

... burn this February for Frances Shinkwin, Nellie Egan, Keith Gregory and the Ashton family. Please ask for April.

GORING ROSE BORDER

The order for bushes went in this week. Many thanks to Graham and Phil Sadler for masterminding this. Thank you too to those who have sponsored roses and made suggestions. We have managed to find almost all of them. You can still dedicate one for a person or cause.

LENT IS HERE

(1) Fasting. How has your Lent started? Remember Fridays in particular as days of fasting.

(2) Praying. Daily Masses continue in the flesh and online. We pray the Stations on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays at a range of times. The usual *Walk with me* prayer books are available.

(3) Almsgiving. William Quinton writes ...

It's wonderful that parishioners are doing CAFOD's Big Walk for Water this weekend, in solidarity with people who don't have ready access to clean water. This Friday is CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Let us think about and pray for the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. Next weekend we ask you to return your CAFOD envelopes or make a donation through contactless payment machines. Donations can also be made online at cafod.org.uk/give and by text* (Text LENT 10 to 70460 to donate £10). Every pound our parish gives will help to save lives.

FR TOM'S NEEDS BOX

... is in Lenten use at the back of Church. Did you know that there is a food bank in Goring?

ECUMENICAL GROUPS

Covid means the usual arrangements cannot happen. However, there is a Zoom alternative. Full details on St Thomas's website.

PLEASE PRAY ...

... for Martin Hopton, Frances Daly, Kathy King, Edna Hallifax, Philip & Maureen Hesketh and Geoffrey Craven who died recently and for Sheila Coss, Daniel Barrett, Joan Green, Fr Pat Davies, William O'Connell and Kevin Watters whose anniversaries fall at this time.

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Betty, Dee, Elizabeth, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Kitty, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Patricia, Kevin, Mike, Dora, Br Harold, Tony, Grazyna, Thomas, Mary O'D.