



*The relics of the True Cross and the Titulus in the Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, Rome*

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

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SUNDAY XXIV OF THE YEAR (*Pentecost XVI*)

		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Conty & Stuart Brown (anniv)
		Goring	10.00am	First Holy Communion children
		Woodcote	11.30am	OUTDOOR—Parish & people
Monday 13	St John Chrysostom	Goring	7.00am	(NB) Luke Theobald intentions
Tuesday 14	EXALTATION OF THE CROSS	Goring	6.00pm	Farnborough Abbey
Wednesday 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	Goring	9.30am	Private intention
Thursday 16	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian	Goring	12.00pm	Private intention
Friday 17	St Robert Bellarmine	Goring	9.00am	Holy Hour
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Saturday 18	Our Lady on Saturday	Goring	5.15pm	Confessions
		Goring	6.00pm	James and Emily Preston (marriage)
Sunday 19	SUNDAY XXV OF THE YEAR ( <i>Pentecost XVII</i> )	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Parish & people
		Woodcote	11.30am	Fr JL's intentions

The priests are always delighted to receive requests for Mass intentions. Please let us know about the ill and housebound. The Rosary is prayed 15 minutes before the daily Mass. Masses are streamed on the Goring & Woodcote Catholic Parish page on Facebook. Safety measures and daily disinfecting are still in place. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways, not least financial.

## CONGRATULATIONS

... to our five friends who were Confirmed by the Archbishop last Wednesday at a very happy Mass. Please keep Erin (Verena,) Lachlan (Thomas Aquinas,) Sean (Michael,) Isabella (Felicity,) and Patrick (James) in your prayers. And we must thank them for sharing their big day with us.

## AND AGAIN ...

... to our First Holy Communion children who made their First Communions earlier in the year. In the spring lockdown meant that they could not gather as one group so we do that this morning. Please remember Ruaridh who cannot be here today and also Julia, Jana Vlk's Goddaughter, who made her First Holy Communion yesterday and is here with Jana this morning.

## MASS TIMES

Please note the time of Mass on Monday.

## SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the O'Donoghue family. John's mother May died in Ireland yesterday after a long illness. May she rest in peace. Last night's Mass was offered for the repose of her soul.

## HUGE THANKS

... to everyone who worked so hard to make the last nine days such a busy and happy time in our parish.

- to the working party which cleaned the church last Friday  
- to all those involved in Kerry's Requiem, memorial service and lunch last Saturday

- for the Confirmation Mass on Wednesday and the entirety of the Archbishop's visit including the hallowing of The Galilee and The Conlon Room. Thanks to all those who sprang into action with drinks and refreshments.

- for the stall from Christ the King at the Woodcote fete on the village green.

## CONTINUED THANKS

- to those who kept our churches open for the Ride and Stride day for OHCT yesterday. I am so sorry that business was quiet but it was good that we were open.

- to the kind soul who made the new hanging for Our Lady's statue in Goring. I gather that the old blue one fell apart after many years of service some time ago. The fleurs-de-lys are really striking.

## WINTER SERIES

I very much hope that the booking website for the winter events will be live this week. It has taken longer to come together than I had hoped. The series starts on 1 October with Jeremy Nicholas' one man show about Jerome K. Jerome. Do come if you can. It should be a fabulous evening.

## THE VOTIVE LAMPS

... burn during the month of September Gwendoline Price, Fran Engelman and Rachel Brooke. One is still free.

## PLEASE PRAY ...

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony T, Patricia, Kevin, Dora, Tony C, Grazyna, John, Linda, Patsy, Annabelle, John B, Emily, Rose, Ivor, Ilene, Richard, Catherine, Patrick Anne, Malcolm.

... for those who have died recently, among them May O'Donoghue and Maurice Bachelor and for Nancy Howard-Allen and Richard Strange whose anniversaries fall this week.

## WOODCOTE WORK

There is a site meeting at Christ the King on Tuesday with architect, builder and engineer. The very best case scenario is that they agree that the building is safe to use now that the massive props are in place. Whatever the three wise men decided, we are a step nearer being back in our own church for Mass.

## NEXT WEEK

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (20th-22nd) I will be taking part in the conference on St John Henry Newman which was originally due to be held at Oriel College in Oxford this time last year. My little contribution is entitled "Newman's Turkey: ecumenical friendships after 1862." I think I am right in saying that the conference is free to drop in but you need to register online to get access to the Zoom codes. Have you ever wondered what Newman had for Christmas luncheon or who gave it to the Oratorians in Birmingham? I know a man who knows. Please forgive me if I am not around as much as usual during these three days. I will be doing more than just presenting my own paper.

## STUDY COURSES

The diocese has sent us details of an online study course on the Scriptures which looks intriguing. It is led by the Italian scholar and presenter Mauro Iannicelli and comes recommended not least by Fr Antony's friend at St Patrick's, Soho, Fr Alexander Sherbrooke. It starts on Wednesday 29 September (7pm-8:30pm) and runs for 8 consecutive Wednesdays. Information and an introductory video are available at [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org). During the winter we will also use the Evangelium catechetical course. This is often used for pre-Confirmation catechesis but is also ideal for anyone wanting to learn more about their Catholic Faith. More details next week.

## ARRIVING SOON

This week sees two exciting deliveries. One is a bench which has been given in memory of Fr Tom to go under the magnolia tree which he loved so much. There will be a plaque in his memory. I am grateful to the kind friend who has donated this present.

We will also be acquiring an organ console. We will not be jettisoning the electronic keyboard which has served us well for some years. However, an acquaintance who is a recently retired cathedral organist has been looking for a good home for the computer instrument which he used for practising, having built himself something bigger at home. This will certainly be an added string to our liturgical and musical bow.

## COMING UP

- parish Quiet Day, hopefully at Douai Abbey if the lockdown situation permits
- Parish Annual Meeting
- Dates for both will be announced soon.
- CAFOD family fast day at harvest-tide. This takes place this year at the same time as the COP26 meeting in Glasgow and aims "to support people around the world working to protect God's creation and to help the poorest people adapt to climate change."

## SPOT THE PRIEST

Pictures of the last four parish priest are on the walls of The Conlon Room. But can you spot the second photograph of Fr Tom? It is not so obvious.

## THE PRAYERS OF BLESSING USED BY HIS GRACE LAST WEDNESDAY

### AT THE DOOR

The Lord bless your going out and your coming in from this day forth and for ever. Amen.  
Almighty God, our most welcome visitor, bless the entrance of this Galilee. May those who cross this threshold in peace find within a ready welcome and an open heart. May this door keep out all sin and evil, so that within there may be only goodness and truth, and the presence of your Kingdom.

### IN THE KITCHEN

Teach us, good Lord, to grow in humility, and in the practical love of our fellow human beings. In this kitchen may we learn that it is truly more blessed to serve than to be served, and that fidelity and affection are most truly learnt in the simplest ways. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### IN THE CONLON ROOM

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that the soul of Antony, your servant and priest, whom you honoured with sacred office while he lived in this world, may exult for ever in the glorious home of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### IN THE GALILEE

Most Blessed Trinity: we consecrate this Galilee to your honour and glory. May it become for all who come here the place where-in they find the means of salvation. Mary, Mother of God, be a mother in this house: angels and saints, protect all who enter or dwell here with your powerful intercession.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### HANC GALILEAM

ANTONII CONLON PAROCHII  
CONSILIO ET OPERA CONFECTAM  
BERNARDVS

ARCHIEPIECOPVS BIRMINGHAMIENSIS  
SACRAVIT MMXXI  
ANTONIO DELARUE ARCHITECTO  
COEMGENO HINE OPIFICE

### THIS GALILEE

BUILT THROUGH THE PLANNING AND WORK OF  
ANTHONY CONLON, PARISH PRIEST  
WAS HALLOWED IN 2021 BY  
BERNARD  
ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM  
ANTHONY DELARUE BEING THE ARCHITECT  
KEVIN HINE BEING THE BUILDER



1898 (before the sacristy)



2021 looking north



2021 from Ferry Lane