



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

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SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 2021 SUNDAY XXVII OF THE YEAR (*Pentecost XIX*)

St John Henry Newman
pray for us

Monday 4	St Francis of Assisi	Goring	8.00am Private intention
Tuesday 5	St Faustina Kowalska	Goring	10.00am Parish & people
Wednesday 6	St Bruno	The Oratory School	11.30am Parish & people (FrJL)
Thursday 7	Our Lady of the Rosary	Goring	6.00pm (NB) Jim Gates RIP
Friday 8	Feria	Goring	6.00pm Angela O'Callaghan (anniv.)
Saturday 9	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	Goring	9.30am A parish family's intentions
Sunday 10	SUNDAY XXVIII OF THE YEAR (<i>Pentecost XX</i>)	Goring	12.00pm Kathleen King RIP
		Goring	9.00am Holy Hour
		Goring	10.00am Angela Rogers RIP
		Goring	9.00am (NB) Congregation of the Oratory
		Goring	5.15pm Confessions
		Goring	6.00pm Norrie Tapsell (1st anniv.)
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am Norrie Tapsell (1st anniv.)
		The Oratory School	11.30am Edna Pereira

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. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways, not least financial.

TWO GOOD CAUSES

There are two second collections last week and this in this diocese. For the duration of the lockdown the archbishop has made our usual pattern of second collections a little more gentle than usual and I have contributed to good causes from the main collection. However, two important calls on our generosity fall at this time. Last week I spoke a little about the work of Fr Hudson's Care, our very own social care agency in the diocese. There is some truth in the phrase "Charity begins at home." Last Friday was the CAFOD family fast day at harvest time reflecting on people who are most vulnerable to climate change. William will say little about this at Mass today. Envelopes for both are available to complete and return either to the presbytery or to church next Sunday.

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

As you will know from the news, a bill to legalise euthanasia will soon receive its second reading in Parliament. There will be a nationwide Novena of Prayer. See <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/> Bishop John Sherington writes, "Jesus told his disciples to pray at all times and not lose heart. Providentially the discussion of Baroness Meacher's Bill in the House of Lords falls on the feast of St John Paul II on 22nd October. The novena, asking the intercession of St. John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated. St. John Paul II, pray for us."

CHRIST THE KING

The bracing has now been in place for ten days. If nothing moves then we will be back at Mass at home by the end of October. Fingers crossed!

THE VOTIVE LAMPS

... burn during the month of October for the Bonnett family, for the Brown family, for Irene Leech, Norrie Tapsell and Fr Tom Williams.

MASS THIS WEEK

Monday's Mass will be at the later time of 6pm as I am away from the parish in the morning. There will be an additional Mass on Saturday to mark the feast of St John Henry Newman.

AN INVITATION

Our friends at St Mary's Strealey would be delighted to see anyone for their harvest lunch today. Sorry about the late notice. I heard during the week.

PLEASE PRAY ...

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Tony T, Patricia, Kevin, Dora, Tony C, Grazyna, John, Linda, Patsy, Annabelle, John B, Emily, Rose, Ivor, Ilene, Richard, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Malcolm, Ida, Charlotte Please pray for their families and friends too. ... for those who have died recently, among them Jim Gates; for Alice Higgins, Suzanne Caballe, Amelia Wood, Ellen Mary Dunne, Joan O'Connor, Robert Whittle, Norrie Tapsell whose anniversaries fall this week. ... for Max Haddock and Florence Whittaker who were married on Friday. ... for Marguerite Gates who nursed at the Oratory for years on the death of her husband Jim. May he rest in peace.

WOODCOTE MASSES With the weather forecast having taken an autumnal turn I am very grateful to Joe Smith, the Head Master of The Oratory School for offering us again the use of St Joseph's Chapel. Please remember that the pupils are back and in the full swing of term-time. We have a risk assessment in place. Please keep to the paths between car park and chapel and not wander off!