

The Catholic Parish of Our Lady & St John, Goring-on-Thames
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SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O Key of David, O Rising Sun,
O King of the Nations,
O Emmanuel,
Come and save us

Monday 20	Feria	Goring (Latin)	8.00am Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am James Molloy (anniv.)
		Woodcote	11.30am Paul Vooght (ill)
		Woodcote	4.00pm <i>Vespers & Benediction</i>
Tuesday 21	Feria (St Peter Canisius)	Goring	7.00am Rorate Mass <i>by candlelight</i>
		Goring	6.00pm Margaret Allaway RIP
Wednesday 22	Feria	Goring	9.30am Private intention
Thursday 23	Feria (St John of Kety)	Woodcote	12.00pm Private intention
		Woodcote	12.30pm <i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm <i>Confessions</i>
Friday 24	Feria	Goring	5.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
		Woodcote	8.00pm Mass of Christmas Night
Saturday 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Goring	7.00am Mass of the Dawn (Latin)
		Goring	8.00am Mass of the Dawn (English)
		Goring	10.00am Mass of the Day
		Woodcote	11.30am Mass of the Day
		Goring	6.00pm Mass of the Day (<i>NB not Mass of Sunday</i>)
Sunday 26	HOLY FAMILY (Christmas I)	Goring (Latin)	8.00am Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am Private intention (FrKM)
		Woodcote	11.30am Private intention (FrJL)

The priests are always delighted to receive requests for Mass intentions. Please let us know about the ill, the housebound and those who need Christmas Sacraments at home. The Rosary is prayed 15 minutes before the daily Mass. Mass is streamed on the parish page on Facebook. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways, not least financial.

CHRISTMASTIDE 2021

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

CLEANING/DECORATING

PLEASE PRAY ...

Even though this will be an unusual Christmas, at the time that I type these words we do not have anything like the restrictions we knew last year - particularly our friends from the Berkshire side of the river. Masks are compulsory for worship (unless you have a medical exemption) and the windows will be thrown open - so wrap up warm! But we will be allowed to sing and most of our Masses will contain a handful of carols. There is no Goring candlelit procession but St Thomas's is holding an open air service in the Rectory Gardens at 6pm on Christmas Eve which I hope to join when we have finished the Vigil Mass. There is no booking system this year but please use a modicum of sanctified common sense and spread out. I hope I have put on enough Masses to keep everyone safe.

As you know, Christmas and Easter are the two points in the year when an offering is made from a parish for the upkeep of the parish clergy. I don't mind you knowing that I find mentioning this particularly embarrassing. (A priest friend also had a hard time trying to explain the system to his bank manager when newly ordained!) However, that does not mean that I am not incredibly grateful to you all and deeply touched by your generosity. Fr Jacob and I will say Mass for you all in the Christmas Octave.

MASS INTENTIONS

Unusually I have been asked for very few specific intentions for the Christmas period. Please ask if there is someone for whom you would like Mass offered.

We will have a good scrub of the churches in preparation for Christmas and our usual decorating and flower arranging sessions. At Goring I know that some people will be here after Mass on Wednesday 22nd and on the 24th to decorate the lovely tree we have been given to stand by the porch. Perhaps we can put our heads together at Woodcote to find a time which is good for people.

THANK YOU

... to the kind souls who have already provided some generous presents for both churches in our parish. You may have seen the rather cheeky lists which the two churches put together for St Nicolas. Have you tried out the new chairs in the Galilee yet? They arrived this week.

... 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, Ida, Charlotte, Denis, Henry, Teresa, Peter, Margaret, Paul, Bill.

... for those who have died recently, among them Margaret Allaway whose family has been associated with the church in Goring for many years.

... for those whose anniversaries fall this week, among them Monica Burnand, Francis Price, Gladys Evans, Mary Browne, Francis Etherington, Frederick Hallett, Ernest Braclik.

THE VOTIVE LAMPS burn during the month of December for Tina Rapinet, for Garry Bennett and for the Moffett and Brown families. Please ask for January.