



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

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SUNDAY VIII OF THE YEAR (*Quinquagesima*)

Monday 28	St Oswald	Goring	Sat 6pm David Johnson RIP
Tuesday 1	St David (Shrove Tuesday)	Goring (Latin)	8.00am Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am Private intention
		Woodcote	11.30am William O'Connell (anniv.)
		Goring	7.30am Votive Mass for the Preservation of Peace
		Woodcote	12.00pm <i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	5.00pm <i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm Wendy Fretwell RIP
Wednesday 2	ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i>	Woodcote	12.00pm Rita Lonsdale RIP
		Goring	6.00pm Rebecca Morris RIP
Thursday 3	St Chad (transferred)	Woodcote	12.00pm Norman White (anniv.)
Friday 4	Feria	Goring	7.30am Requiem for Brian Enright RIP
		Goring	10.00am Peter Vlk (anniv.)
		Goring	6.00pm <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 5	Our Lady on Saturday	Goring	5.00pm <i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm Jonathan Smith (anniv.)
Sunday 6	LENT I	Goring (Latin)	8.00am Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am Private intention
		Woodcote	11.30am Private intention

The priests are always delighted to receive requests for Mass intentions. Please let us know about the ill, the housebound and those who need the 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.

PRAY FOR PEACE

AS LENT UNFOLDS ...

ADDITIONAL THANKS

PLEASE PRAY ...

The Pope has made this call to the world: I invite everyone to make Ash Wednesday a Day of Fasting for Peace: let believers dedicate themselves intensively to prayer and fasting. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

LENT IS HERE

It is always a good plan to think and pray about our Lenten observance before Ash Wednesday or we may well have a sense of "playing catch-up."

THIS WEEK ...

- Confessions at both churches on Tuesday. Put the "shrive" back into Shrove Tuesday. Or at other times by having a word with the priests.
- Imposition of Ashes at Mass on Wednesday: noon at Christ the King; 6pm in Goring. There are two Masses at the OPS too.
- Stations will be prayed on Wednesdays at noon at Woodcote and Fridays at 6pm at Goring, starting this Friday.

... the three strands - prayer and study, fasting and almsgiving, including - the 2022 First Holy Communion will start. Timings tba.

- study group, Tuesdays after Mass, in the Galilee using material from the *Evangelium* programme from the CTS.

- CAFOD is holding not only the usual Family Fast Day on Friday of the first full week in Lent but other initiatives. William will tell us more.

"WALKING TOGETHER"

Thank you to those who have added to the meeting with reflections on paper or via email. We will now collate them for the Deanery and make them available. There has been an interesting and wide-ranging response. Like most parishes, we have a wide range of views. The lockdown has seen a sense of common purpose and blessings. These have been a gift of God. Let us rejoice in this and go forward in faith, hope and charity.

- for Rita's funeral at Woodcote last Monday and Tuesday. It was wonderful to see a full church and to lay her to her rest surrounded by so many friends, family and prayers.

- for those who supported last night's concert. I know that some friends wished to be here but had all sorts of other commitments. It was a super evening. As usual, it attracted some people who did not know there was a Catholic church here at all.

REFRESHMENTS

Please stay if you can for a cup of coffee or tea and the opportunity to meet each other after the 10am Mass. Thank you to this morning's helpers. Is a rota possible? Anyone free next week?

TWO PILGRIMAGES

- to Lourdes with the diocese of Birmingham, 29 May to 3 June. Details from Fr Kenneth.
- to Oberammergau with Goring Fine Arts, 8 to 20 September. Details from Rosie Mortimer.

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Patricia, Kevin, Dora, Grazyna, John, Linda, Patsy, Annabelle, John, Emily, Rose, Ilene, Richard, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Malcolm, Ida, Charlotte, Denis, Henry, Teresa, Peter, Paul, Charlie, Jemima, Eddie, Barry, George. *Please keep us updated.*

... for those who have died recently, among them Brian Enright, Rita Lonsdale, Rebecca Morris, Wendy Fretwell; and for Jimmy Collins, Jonathan Smith, Marco Troiani, Moya Ewbank, David Howard-Allen, Jean Kilduff and Peter Vlk whose anniversaries fall at this time.

THE VOTIVE LAMPS

... burn during February for the Sims family, for Edward, Margaret and Jonathan Beckett, for Katarina Bačikova, for Fr Pat Davies & for the Brown family. Please ask for March.