



*St Matthew  
pray for us*

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

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SUNDAY XXV OF THE YEAR (*Pentecost XV*)

Monday 19 St Theodore of Tarsus  
Tuesday 20 St Andrew Kim Taegon & comps  
Wednesday 21 ST MATTHEW  
Thursday 22 Feria  
Friday 23 St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
Saturday 24 Our Lady of Walsingham  
Sunday 25 XXVI OF THE YEAR  
(*Pentecost XVI*)

Goring	Sat 6pm	Mary Hennessy & Jack O'Beirne (marriage)
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Fr Jacob Lewis
Woodcote	11.30am	REQUIEM for HM Queen Elizabeth II
Woodcote	4.00pm	<i>Vespers &amp; Benediction</i>
Goring	7.30am	HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP
Goring (Latin)	7.30pm	Sung Mass of Requiem
Goring	6.00pm	Fran Engleman (anniv.)
Goring	9.30am	Dora Nash RIP (per MS)
Woodcote	12.00pm	Private intention (per MS)
Goring	10.00am	Joseph Cardinal Zen; <i>Holy Hour from 9am</i>
Goring	1.30pm	Nuptial Mass—Stephen Dempsey & Lilian Robinson
Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
Goring	6.00pm	Private intention
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention
Mapledurham House	6.00pm	Eyston family intentions

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 Mass. Mass is streamed on the Goring and Woodcote Catholic Parish page on Facebook. In a change to the pattern of the last couple of years, the parish priest tries to take Wednesday after Mass as a quiet day. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways, not least financial.

## HM THE QUEEN

With the whole nation and billions around the world we pray for the soul of the late Queen. With the Archbishop's permission and at his request, one of the Sunday Masses today, as last Sunday, will be a Requiem Mass. May she rest in peace.

## HM THE KING

At the end of Mass we will sing the traditional chant and pray for King Charles III in the form sent this week by the bishops.

## MONDAY

On the day of the Queen's funeral there will be two Masses here: a Requiem Mass in English at our usual time of 7.30am and a sung Mass of Requiem in the older Latin use at 7.30pm. My thanks in advance to a friend of the parish who is coming to sing the ancient plainchant which has been sung for prince, pauper and "all sorts and conditions of men" alike for so many centuries.

## FR JACOB ...

... is now home from St Bartholomew's Hospital after his major operation. We send him our love and our prayers for his convalescence. On doctors' orders it will be a while before he is back in the sanctuary but we look forward to it very much.

## ST THOMAS'S TODAY

At 3pm our own Patrick Lillie will give a recital of piano music lasting approximately an hour. Entrance is free with a retiring collection for CAFOD's Ukraine appeal. The Royal Household has left things up to individual organisations and after a little thought it was unanimously felt that this should go ahead.

Villagers in Goring may well have heard about the plan to reproduce the lining of the streets which took place for the Jubilee only three months ago for the national silence at 8pm tonight. There is an opportunity to pray in St Thomas's with a couple of hymns from 7.15pm.

## READERS AT MASS

6.00 Jones family  
10.00 Philippa Seymour  
11.30 Rose Metcalf

## THE NEEDS BOX

... is back in operation after too long in the repair shop. There is always a need for clean clothing and tinned or dried food. I fear that this will only grow as winter draws on. Dried and tinned food are always welcome and will be distributed to local food banks. Decent quality clothing is also needed and often finds its way to the Churches Together drop-in centre in Reading.

## CONFIRMATION GROUP

We will start a confirmation group for any interested friends in September looking towards a Confirmation Mass at the end of the year. Please have a word. I very much hope that we can make a start this week one day after school. I would also like to run an adult refresher course when people are back from holidays in October.

## PLEASE PRAY ...

... for Cardinal Zen, the 90 year old retired Archbishop of Hong Kong, on trial tomorrow for standing up for religious freedom in China. He is one of the great men of our time and must not be left alone in his hour of need. Pray without ceasing.

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Patricia, Kevin, Grazyna, John, Linda, Patsy, baby Annabelle, John, Emily, Rose, Ilene, Richard, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Malcolm, Ida, Charlotte, Denis, Henry, Teresa, Peter, Paul, Jemima, Eddie, Barry, George, Fr Patrick, Oliver, Crispin, Cordelia, Peter, Monica, John, Eva Maria, Tom, Fr Jacob, Fr John, Charlie Also for 7 others whom we remember quietly. ... for the dead, among them Dora Nash, James Young, Ruth Ayres, who have died recently & for Fran Engleman and Patrick White (nniversaries.)

## FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Father,

Yesterday Cardinal Vincent Nichols took part in an Audience with King Charles who had invited senior faith leaders to Buckingham Palace.

During the Audience, the King spoke to the Cardinal who assured him that the Catholic community had continued, during these days of mourning, in heartfelt prayer for his mother, the late Queen Elizabeth. In response, His Majesty asked Cardinal Vincent to ensure that the Catholics of England and Wales know of his thanks and gratitude for these prayers and the Cardinal would be pleased if the King's message could be conveyed to the people of our parishes.

I shall be celebrating Holy Mass for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth at St Chad's Cathedral tomorrow at 11.30am and I shall unite myself in prayer with you and your parishioners.

Yours devotedly in Christ  
+Bernard Longley

## IN HOSPITAL?

As you probably know, modern data protection laws mean that a hospital cannot ask for a priest without being asked specifically. If you or a family member are in hospital please ask for the chaplain via the ward or through me.

## THE ANNIVERSARY LISTS

As you may know, Fr Antony did sterling detective work trying to bring the parish register of funerals and the departed up to date. I am not quite sure how we got away with this through various episcopal visitations! I have typed up the list as we have it since the current register was started by Fr Wrighton in 1959. The older ones will be stored in the Diocesan Archives in Birmingham. I know that there are omissions and I am sure that there are corrections needed. I would be very grateful if you could check the lists and let me know any corrections, preferably by email. If you have known the parish for many years, your memory will be invaluable.

## BEST WISHES ...

... go to The Revd Linda Smith, the vicar of St Leonard's in Woodcote, on her retirement. She has served the village for a good number of years now and we wish her well for the next phase of her ministry in retirement. Sadly the lockdown meant that we have not seen as much of St Leonard's friends as we might have done in other circumstances. We pray for the Anglican community in Woodcote as they start their interregnum. Unlike the usual (if not universal) pattern in the Catholic church, Anglican parishes often have to wait several months between clergy appointments.

## DORA NASH, RIP

Many parishioners will have known Dora, who spent 30 years and more associated with the Oratory School. She died in the Churchill Hospital last Monday after many years living with various forms of illness and treatment. As the old saying goes, she died "fortified with the rites of Holy Church" and it was my immense privilege to be with her, and with her family, when she died. She filled many roles at the school: head of theology, head of sixth form, Duke of Edinburgh Award, archivist, co-ordinator of the Old Oratorians. With Mgr Morgan and Fr Conlon she prepared many generations for Confirmation. Her Confirmation and First Holy Communion courses are still widely in use. She made a big impact in Catholic education on a wider stage. She was one of the Catholic members of the Anglican / Roman Catholic ecumenical discussions and was a pillar of the various parishes where the family lived, latterly in Abingdon. We send Andrew and all their family our sympathy, our prayers and our love. May she rest in peace.

## MANY THANKS

... to everyone who took part in any way at all with last Saturday's parish stall at the village fete in Woodcote. This included Fr Jacob from his hospital bed! He was shopping for bran tub prizes when he was taken ill. The stall raised a wonderful £100, mostly in small change which is a terrific effort. Thank you all so very much.

... for your generosity towards the CAFOD Pakistan appeal as part of the Disaster Emergency Committee. At no notice whatsoever, you generously gave over £600 in cash and through William's contactless machine. I know other people gave online via the CAFOD website. This will help alleviate the sufferings of so many whose lives have, quite literally, been washed away in the twinkling of an eye.

## CONGRATULATIONS

... to Fiona Preston's Uncle Eddie who celebrated his 100th birthday last Monday. He has been on our prayer list for some months. We are so glad to hear that he had a happy birthday party.

## OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The fine statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from the Church of St Edmund Campion in Watlington will once again make its way around the seven parishes of our deanery during October, the month of the Holy Rosary. Our turn to host the statue will be Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 October, immediately after the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on the 7th. On Saturday this week we keep the feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, perhaps still better known to many of us by its older title, Our Lady of Ransom.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 18 September: Patrick Lillie's piano recital for Cafod's Ukraine funds. At the time of writing I am not sure whether this may be postponed. Please double check.

- Friday 7 October. CAFOD family fast day at harvest time. Once again there will be envelopes and the contactless machine available. Why not forgo a meal on that day and give the money you would have spent to help feed some of the world's poorest people?

- St Bernadette's Relics will be at the Catholic Church in Bicester from 9pm on Sunday 9 October until 2pm on Monday 10 October. We will have a showing of *The Song of Bernadette* on the previous Friday with a supper in aid of CAFOD. Please sign up. I am planning to go over for the reception of the relics on Sunday night, leaving here about 8.00pm and then again for the Mass on the Monday. If there is enough demand we can hire a minibus,

- Harvest supper. Saturday 15 Oct, 7.30 for 8pm in the Galilee. Tickets £15, available now. The ticket includes soup and a main course—roast pork, poached salmon or a vegan option—and wine. We will then ask for volunteers to put together a pudding trolley. *Come ye thankful people come ...*

## THE MARRIAGE SEASON

Please pray for Mary Hennessy & Jack O'Beirne who were married in Ireland yesterday. Please pray for Patsy, Tom, Mikey, Patrick and all their family. This coming Friday sees the Nuptial Mass for Lilian Robinson and Stephen Dempsey. Stephen's schooldays were spent at the OPS and at the Oratory and his parents still live in south Oxfordshire. We wish them every happiness and assure them of many prayers. Our final marriage of the autumn will take place at the end of October when Kate Sayers and Thomas Ayling will be married at Goring.

## DEFIBRILATORS

Two of these would be a really good idea. Can anyone help?

## SINGERS, SERVERS, USHERS &c.

My thanks, as always, to all those who help with our worship in any way. After the chaos of lockdown, when everything was cut back for obvious reasons, we are trying to recruit some new helpers between now and Advent. Are you a singer? Would you be able to serve at the altar (thinking particularly perhaps of younger parishioners?) Can you help with handing things out and tidying things away? I am always struck by watching people coming into church and walking straight past the Mass sheets and newsletters! Could you help with the post-Mass coffee at Goring? Or giving people a lift to Mass? Do have a think and let me know.