



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

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*The last General Absolution of the
Munsters at Rue du Bois, 1915*

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022 SUNDAY XXXIII OF THE YEAR (Remembrance)

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| | | Goring | Sat 6pm Faithful departed |
| | | Goring (Latin) | 8.00am Parish & people (<i>Mass of Pentecost XXIII</i>) |
| | | Goring | 10.00am Requiem for the Fallen |
| | | All our villages | 11.00am <i>Acts of Remembrance at the War Memorials</i> |
| | | Woodcote | 11.30am Requiem for the Fallen |
| Monday 14 | Feria | Goring | 7.30am Faithful departed of the Benedictine order |
| Tuesday 15 | St Albert the Great | Goring | 6.00pm Faithful departed |
| Wednesday 16 | St Edmund of Abingdon | Goring | 9.30am Faithful departed |
| Thursday 17 | St Hugh of Lincoln | Woodcote | 12.00pm Faithful departed |
| Friday 18 | Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul | Goring | 9.00am <i>Holy Hour</i> |
| | | Goring | 10.00am For a parishioner |
| Saturday 19 | Our Lady on Saturday | Woodcote | 12.00pm <i>Confessions</i> |
| | | Goring | 5.00pm <i>Confessions</i> |
| | | Goring | 6.00pm Faithful departed |
| Sunday 20 | CHRIST THE KING (Sunday next before Advent) | Goring (Latin) | 8.00am Parish & people |
| | | Goring | 10.00am & Benediction Thanksgiving for Blessings |
| | | Woodcote | 11.30am & Benediction CTK Mission at Woodcote |

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. The parish priest tries to take Wednesday as a quiet day after the morning Mass. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways, not least financial.

THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November the souls of the faithful departed are remembered at each Mass. Please take an envelope away and write down the names of those for whom you would like to pray. They then should be placed in one of the boxes either in Goring or in Woodcote. Individual Mass intentions are still very much available. If you would like to include a Mass stipend that is always very much appreciated by the priests. Grave lights are also available, price £5,

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Please join our fellow villagers at the various war memorials for the national Act of Remembrance after the OLSJ Mass and before the one at CTK. The Catholic community of Woodcote will be joined as usual by the chaplain, staff and pupils from the Oratory School. Next year I hope to be there myself!

JOHNSON ASSOCIATION

Thank you so much for your generosity to the Johnson Association last Sunday. As I said, many priests can find themselves in difficult practical situations when illness or old age arrives. There are no clergy pensions and the idiosyncratic nature of the parish system means that many priests have few savings. With over 60 retired priests in the diocese—who continue to give invaluable help to our parishes—every penny you gave will help enormously.

LAST WEDNESDAY

The Friends of Goring Library had another full and friendly talk last in the Galilee. With each event we learn a little more about using the building.

PLEASE PRAY ...

... for William Davie, to be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic church next Sunday. William and Sarah will be married in Italy next year.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS

As we will go to the War Memorial there is no coffee after the 10am Mass today.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Maureen Lewis; 10am: Colin Cole, Helen & Chloe Cook; 11.30: Rose Metcalf.

ECUMENICAL MEAL

Tuesday 22 Nov: Ecumenical Agape Fellowship meal at St Thomas's. Dave Browne has put up a poster and a sign-up sheet in each church. Dave has more information. This ecumenical group has existed for several years across our three village churches but was a casualty of the lockdown. Welcome back!

GORING CRAFT FAIR

Saturday and Sunday 26/27 November, 10am-4pm raising funds for Goring Primary School. Why not look in on your way home from Mass for coffee, cake and a little shopping spree?

PLEASE PRAY ...

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Kevin, John, Linda, Patsy, baby Annabelle, John, Emily, Rose, Ilene, Richard, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Malcolm, Ida, Charlotte, Denis, Henry, Teresa, Peter, Paul, Jemima, Barry, George, Fr Patrick, Oliver, Crispin, Cordelia, Peter, Monica, John, Eva Maria, Tom, Fr Jacob, Fr John, Charlie, Sophie, Bob, Paul, Bob, Jacob, Justin, Victoria & 7 others.

... for the dead, among them Eugene McCarthy, Mairi McIntyre, Fr Ian Ker, John Walsh and Patricia Bursey and also for Winifred Good, Annie McGee, Mabel Laffan and Winifred McVey (anniversaries.)

... for the soul of Jean Barrett who was laid to her rest with her husband in Streatley about 18 months ago. Jean has made the parish a generous gift in her will.

.....New parish forms are available, now GDPR compliant. Our records are a little eccentric; please fill one in so we are up to date and legal.

... to those parish friends who helped move the garden shed at the presbytery yesterday. Two and a half years ago it was put in as a temporary measure. We did not know how long the lock-downs were going to last and how long the garden was going to be a building site. It is all part of getting back to normal. It was a fine communal effort!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

At the back of the churches you will see some Christmas cards which are on sale to benefit two excellent Catholic charities—Aid to the Church in Need and Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals does wonderful work feeding and educating over a million of the world's poorest children. The charity has been offered matched funding between now and the end of January. Every penny which the charity is given will be doubled by another generous source. There are also some packets of last year's cards from ACN at the bargain price of 25 assorted cards for £15. I can always order more if we run out. There are some CAFOD catalogues with presents which may be ordered by post or online.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

After three years when this has not been able to take place, His Grace will be leading the diocese to Lourdes from 27 May to 2 June 2023. It would be very, very good if we can send a group of parishioners on this. Please have a think and a pray about this now. As usual, this will take place during the schools' half-term holiday.

There are First Aid boxes in both churches—at the back of CTK with the hymn books and on the window-ledge of the Galilee kitchen. During the course of the next week a pair of futon-style folding mattresses and blankets will arrive for anyone who needs to lie down. They will be kept in the Galilee cleaning cupboard and in the back room at CTK. I am still planning on a pair of defibrillators. The nearest ones in both villages are at the village halls.

C.T.S. BOOK STALL

You will have seen that the Perspex book and leaflet stand at Goring has moved from the Galilee where it was rather out of the way to the porch. In recent years the Catholic Truth Society has produced some really excellent materials, both in its brief leaflets and in the longer booklets. Last week a dozen copies of fr Guy Nicholls' new booklet on the Rosary arrived. Please do have a look. The grey wall safe just inside the door is the place for any contributions.

COVID

While the situation is obviously very different from the last couple of years, Covid-19 has not gone away. Many of us are having our boosters at the moment. We will obviously keep the situation under review if there is a spike in the figures during the winter and keep our good habits from the worst days of the pandemic in mind if we need to reinstate them. The disinfectant fogger is still up our sleeve.

The ministry of the hospital chaplains in all our local hospitals, whether Reading, Oxford or one of the smaller hospitals in the area, is an essential part of our treatment. However, modern legislation about data means that wards can no longer share information with them as once was the case. If you or a member of your family are going into hospital please let either the chaplain know through the ward staff or let me know and I can pass on your details. It is a well-worn path.

OUR LADY'S, ABINGDON

The school is looking to appoint a lay chaplain and has asked parishes on both sides of the river to advertise the post. The HR department writes ... *"Our Lady's Abingdon, Independent School, Oxfordshire is seeking to appoint a chaplain. The ideal candidate would be a practising Catholic, be educated to degree level, have experience of working with young adults, and hold a specific chaplaincy qualification or equivalent (e.g. teaching degree). Further information about the role, including an application pack, can be found at <https://www.ola.org.uk/job-vacancies/>*

ADVENT COURSE

Our neighbour and great friend Fr John Osman and his parish have developed a fascinating looking course looking at — and doing! — prayer through the lens of St Teresa of Avila, one of the greatest saints of the mystical tradition. This will take place on Tuesday nights in Advent from 7pm via Zoom. I will make this my theme for my four Advent sermons. Full details next week.

ADVENT: THREE IMPORTANT EVENTS IN TWO DAYS

Tuesday 20 December at 7pm. Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will be here as our Episcopal Vicar to celebrate Mass and administer the sacrament of confirmation to a handful of young people from our parish and from Dorchester. Please make every effort to support them (and your parish) on this never-to-be-repeated day in their lives. AT GORING.

Wednesday 21 December: the Rorate Mass at 7.00am, offered by candle-light before dawn. AT GORING.

Wednesday 21 December: Penitential Service at 7pm with visiting priests from across the Deanery. AT WOODCOTE.

VOTIVE LIGHTS

... burn during the month of November for Frances Shinkwin and for the Brown family. Two are still available to sponsor.

THE NEEDS BOX

... has been very busy recently. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARISH

Christ must be at the heart of any Christian's celebration. This may help you plan these few days. I hope that there is sufficient opportunity for everyone to fulfil our Obligation. Please let me know of friends who will require the sacraments at home.

23 DECEMBER

Confessions:

12pm at Woodcote; 6pm at Goring

24 DECEMBER

Vigil Mass & carols: 5pm at Goring

Mass of Christmas Night & carols:

8pm at Woodcote; 10pm at Goring

25 DECEMBER

Mass of the Dawn:

7am (Latin); 8am (English) both at Goring

Mass of Christmas Day & carols:

10am at Goring; 11.30am at Woodcote; 6pm at Goring