



From East and West ...

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

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SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY III OF THE YEAR (*Epiphany III*)

Monday 23	Feria
Tuesday 24	St Francis de Sales
Wednesday 25	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
Thursday 26	Ss. Timothy & Titus
Friday 27	St Angela Merici
Saturday 28	St Thomas Aquinas
Sunday 29	SUNDAY IV OF THE YEAR (<i>Epiphany IV</i>)

Goring	Sat 6pm	For the Unity of Christians
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Private intention (FrJL)
Woodcote	11.30am	For R's intentions (per AMH)
Goring	4.00pm	<i>Holy Hour for Christian Unity</i>
Goring	7.30am	Staff & residents of the Old Vicarage
Goring	6.00pm	Al Shattuck RIP
Goring	9.30am	Elizabeth Davies RIP (per VS)
Woodcote	12.00pm	Kathy King (anniversary)
Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour</i>
Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
Goring	6.00pm	Fr Giles Goward (anniversary)
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention
Mapledurham	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. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways, not least financial.

CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE

This has rather crept up on us this year. There is no one big act of worship in either Goring or Woodcote but we will keep an hour of silent prayer for that intention this afternoon at 4pm in OLSJ. As you know, I am very grateful to Nigel and Ben at the other churches in Goring for their friendship and fellowship and that of their congregations. Please pray for our friends at St Leonard's in Woodcote who are without an incumbent.

GORING ECUMENICAL LENT GROUP

After years when this has not possible, it will meet again this Lent to contemplate prayer. Details from Dave Browne and in church. There will, of course, be our usual Lenten devotions in church. It is a questions of "both / and" not "either / or."

ULTRA LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

... are available at both churches. Please ask if this would help.

THANK YOU ... We have just sent £600 to Mary's Meals from our Crib Collection. This is a wonderful effort. I have also sent a cheque to the St Birinus SVP for its project on the Ukraine / Romania border. If anyone can help with that it is an excellent cause.

BRIAN BARRETT RIP

Brian's funeral will take place on Thursday 2 February at 2.15pm at the crematorium in Caversham, as he requested, before being laid to rest with his mother at White Hill. Requiem Mass for him the next day at 10am.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Our thanks to Sheila English for sharing her birthday with us and to Simon and everyone else who contributed to a very jolly lunch party in the Galilee. In other news, I made a mistake last week. Richard Knollys' birthday falls tomorrow. We wish him and his family every blessing.

CONFIRMATION

Perhaps Thursday at 6.30pm is a tricky time. Does anyone have any ideas? Would anyone else like to explore what is involved? First Holy Communion classes will start in February.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Chris Sexon; 10am: David Browne & Richard Harding; 11.30am: Fiona Preston.

CONCERT—10 FEBRUARY

At the end of our last cultural event marking the launch of the Galilee a kind parishioner emailed me saying "I am looking forward to next season already!" There are flyers for our first event of 2023 at the back of the churches. This will be a wonderful evening of glorious baroque music with a Venetian themed reception in the Galilee afterwards. Please come and bring all your friends! Tickets are a little more expensive as there are more London-based players involved. Lock-down was difficult for self-employed musicians so it is only right to be utterly professional. Let a little Venetian sunshine warm an Oxfordshire winter.

MARCH 4 LIFE DAY

Training day at Oscott College on 4 February to help us speak effectively about Life issues. See the poster for details.

VOTIVE LAMPS

... burn during January for Keith Gregory and for the Brown family. Two are still available.

PLEASE PRAY

... among the sick for William, Margaret, Jeanie, Rosemary, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Lyall, Tony, Kevin, John, Linda, Patsy, Annabelle, John, Emily, Rose, Ilene, Richard, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Malcolm, Ida, Charlotte, Denis, Henry, Teresa, Peter, Paul, Jemima, Barry, Oliver, Crispin, Cordelia, Peter, Monica, John, Eva Maria, Tom, Charlie, Sophie, Paul, Jacob, Justin, Victoria, Maureen, Eva, Bob, Gail, Tony, Fr Jacob & 11 others.

... for the dead and in particular for Berti Wilmore, Brian Barrett, Sheila Phillips, Elizabeth Davies and George Pell who have died recently.

... for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, among them Nicholas Trappes-Lomax, Eileen Nicholas, Kathleen Mary King and Peter Robert Savage.