



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

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SUNDAY XXVIII OF THE YEAR (*Pentecost XXI*)

Monday 14	St Callistus
Tuesday 15	St Teresa of Avila
Wednesday 16	St Margaret Mary Alacoque
Thursday 17	St Ignatius of Antioch
Friday 18	ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Saturday 19	St Frideswide
Sunday 20	SUNDAY XXIX OF THE YEAR (<i>Pentecost XXII</i>)

Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Andrew Macnab (anniv.)
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	PH's intentions
Goring	10.00am	Adam Galal (hospital)
Woodcote	11.30am	Parish & people
Goring	7.30am	Parishioner's private intention
Goring	6.00pm	TM's intentions
Goring	9.30am	David & Maud Symons
Woodcote	12.00pm	Rev. Leslie Skinner
Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour</i>
Goring	10.00am	Mairi McIntyre (anniv.)
Woodcote	12.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
Goring	6.00pm	Irene Leech (anniv.)
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. The Parish Priest tries to take Tuesday apart from Mass as a quiet day. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways.

CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS
As I hope you will have heard in the news, although I was shocked to see that the newspaper I read on a Saturday morning made no mention of it, Cardinal Nichols (who of course was our Archbishop before going to Westminster) has made a clear and passionate statement about the Assisted Suicide debate soon to come before Parliament. This is one of the most pressing ethical issues facing our society and the Faith Communities (plural) and not least the Catholic Church must stand up and be counted. I commend his message to you all. See the Bishops' Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk. We have a new MP here in South Oxfordshire. It is part of his democratic duty to hear from his constituents.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY
Thank you all for your generosity in prayer and in donations for this annual event. In these days of online giving and contactless machines it is impossible to give one parish figure as in days gone by but the second collection plate (a fraction of the whole) was over £300. On behalf of the charity, may I thank you all? And thanks to Anne and William, our CAFOD reps, who do so much behind the scenes.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
This Thursday, 17 Oct in the Galilee at 7.30pm. The main formal business of the evening is to review events of the past year and receive our share of the diocesan accounts for 2022-23. That sounds a bit official. It also gives us a chance to meet and reflect together.

READERS AT MASS
6pm: Maggie Shinkwin; 10am: Wheatley family; 11.30: Sims family.

NEW MISSALS
A you know, the translation of our readings will change on Advent Sunday. I will get some examples of hand missals for you to browse. The smaller ones are supposed to be available in October so any day now.

ULTRA-LOW GLUTEN HOSTS
... are available at both churches.

CHURCH CLEANING
Volunteers always welcome and needed. Can you help?

BIO-HAZARD CLEANING KITS
These are now available at both churches with the first aid boxes. Do use these whenever necessary.

VOTIVE LIGHTS
... burn during October for the Brown family at Woodcote and for Irene Leech and the Pacey family at Goring plus one anonymous one.

PLEASE PRAY
... for Sian and Archie Dallas, for Lowrie and Robbie, on the birth of a daughter last week in the Royal Berks. Much love and many prayers.
... among the sick for Margaret, Jeanie, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Kevin, John, Patsy, Annabelle, John, Emily, Rose, Ilene, Catherine, Patrick, Anne, Charlotte, Teresa, Peter, Paul, Jemima, Barry, Oliver, Cordelia, Peter, Monica, Eva Maria, Tom, Charlie, Sophie, Paul, Jacob, Justin, Victoria, Maureen, Eva, Bob, Gail, Tony, Claire, Ann, Tim, Susannah, Anzelika, Bill, Linda, David and Lindsey, Gail, Sr Maria Goretti, Pat, Emma, Paul, Deborah, Christine, Mark, Leon, Charlie, Catherine, Colin, Gary, Keith, John, Alice, Philippa, Fr Bruce, Tamsin, Miriam, Adam, David, for 8 others and for SG's friends;
... for Brother Harold Palmer and Christopher Knollys who have died recently and for Andrew Macnab, Irene Leech, Ethel Vickers, Hubert Johnson, Maeve Hudson and Joseph Cade, Mairi McIntyre (anniversaries.) May they rest in peace.

SYCAMORE
I fear we are jinxed in getting back into the swing of this. I had forgotten last week that I am busy this Wednesday evening. So may we reconvene on Wednesday 30 October? We welcome the Friends of Goring Library on the 23rd..

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
Friday 13 December—the return of *Opus Anglicanum* with an evening of readings, carols and choral music from mediaeval England for Advent and Christmas. If you heard their concert of Folk Music in 2022 (or if you missed it!) do come again.

COFFEE AFTER MASS
This happens every week after the 10am Mass. Do stay if you can. Our next Coffee and Cake morning will be NEXT SUNDAY. Can you bake?

THE NEEDS BOX at the back of OLSJ supports the work of the Churches In Reading Drop In Centre (CIRDIC.) Thank you for your care and prayers.

The parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Safeguarding Representative may be contacted at sg.ol.stjohngothames@rcaob.org.uk. Until Lucy's successor is officially appointed it may be best to contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.