



St Cecilia pray for us

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

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SUNDAY XXXIII OF THE YEAR (*resumed Epiphany VI*)

		Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Winifred Good (anniv.)
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Miriam Perera RIP
		Woodcote	11.30am	Faithful departed
Monday 18	Dedication of Basilicas of SSPP	Goring	8.00am	Faithful departed
Tuesday 19	Feria	Goring	6.00pm	Faithful departed
Wednesday 20	Feria	Goring	9.30am	Faithful departed
Thursday 21	Presentation of Our Lady	Woodcote	12.00pm	Faithful departed (WO'C)
Friday 22	St Cecilia	Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour</i>
		Goring	10.00am	Faithful departed
Saturday 23	St Columbanus	Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Faithful departed
Sunday 24	CHRIST THE KING (<i>Last Sunday after Pentecost</i>)	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	& <i>Benediction</i> Faithful departed
		Woodcote	11.30am	& <i>Benediction</i> Mission church & people
		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 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.

ASSISTED SUICIDE DEBATE

Lord Alton, for many years one of the most prominent and impressive Catholic MPs, now in the Lords, has sent cards which you might care to use to contact your MP. Please use them before the debate on the 29th.

MIRIAM PERERA, RIP

Miriam's funeral will take place next week. She will be brought into church in Goring at 4pm on Tuesday 26 November when Fr Andrew from Watlington will offer a Requiem for her. Her Funeral Mass will take place at noon on Wednesday 27th. We continue to send Sharmala and her family our sympathy and our prayers. May she rest in peace.

NOVEMBER: THE HOLY SOULS

Please write the names of those for whom you would like to pray in the envelopes provided. The boxes are placed on the altars at every Mass.

FATHER'S DIARY

... has turned up but I live in dread of having failed to write something important down, particularly a Mass intention. **Please remind me** of anything I may have forgotten. I live in fear of forgetting an intention.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A first consignment of Christmas cards has arrived from the charity *Aid to the Church in Need*. These are packs of 25 assorted cards for the bargain price of £15, every penny of which supports the charity's work with persecuted Christians. I had hoped that the full order would be here today. There are Advent calendars, a wider variety of cards and some other nice things en route. Thank you

MEDIAEVAL CAROLS

We are up to 45% of tickets sold already. Posters and flyers available. Please pass them round or stick one up if you have chance.

COFFEE AND CAKE

Gaudete Sunday, 15 December, is always an appropriate day on which to gather after the 10am Mass for coffee and cakes. We will also lay something on for the visit of Bp Richard Walker the previous week.

SYCAMORE

Nothing this week. Sorry for last week's muddle.

ECUMENICAL ADVENT GROUPS

... start this week in various homes.

NEXT SUNDAY: CHRIST THE KING

The two sung Masses will end with Benediction and a little party at Woodcote to mark the feast. On Friday I am delighted to be accepting another generous donation from the Woodcote Rally Trustees for CTK.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

I had a communication from the diocese about what I typed about provision for retired and ill priests. Care of clergy in such need is built into canon law for all dioceses and there is a committee in Birmingham for this. I am sorry that I did not make that clear. The fact remains, however, that the generosity of many people over decades to the Johnson Association has made and continues to make a colossal impact: £430,000 of impact last year! Thank you again.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Simon Jones; 10am: the Roberts family; 11.30: the Quinton family.

VOTIVE LIGHTS

... burn during November for the Brown, Ashton and White families at Woodcote and for HM, Margaret Beckett, Norrie Tapsell and Fr Tom Williams at Goring.

PLEASE PRAY

... for Freddy Jenks baptized last week and for Helen and Benedict his parents;

... 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, Patricia, Gary, Keith, John, Alice, Philippa, Fr Bruce, Tamsin, Miriam, Adam, David, Rose, Fr Michael, for 8 others and for SG's friends;

... for Miriam Perera and John Wilson who have died recently and for Annie McGee, Mabel Laffan, Winifred McVey, Dorothy Watt, Charles Crook, Gwen Bruce, Betty-Ann Henderson (anniversaries.)

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.

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