



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

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## CHRIST THE KING (*Last after Pentecost*)

Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Faithful departed
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	& <i>Benediction</i> Faithful departed
Woodcote	11.30am	& <i>Benediction</i> Faithful departed (WOC)
Mapledurham	6.00pm	Dom Edward Corbould OSB RIP
Goring	8.00am	CM's intentions
Goring	4.00pm	<i>Reception in to Church &amp; Requiem Mass</i>
Goring	6.00pm	EM's intentions Miriam Perera RIP
Goring	9.30am	Faithful departed
Goring	12.00pm	REQUIEM Miriam Perera RIP
Woodcote	12.00pm	Henrietta Challinor RIP (funeral day)
Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour</i>
Goring	10.00am	DA's intentions and our national life
Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
Goring	6.00pm	Faithful departed
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Fr John Formby & Jean Willett (annivs)
Woodcote	11.30am	Sheila English (anniv.)

Monday 25	St Catherine of Alexandria
Tuesday 26	Feria
Wednesday 27	Feria
Thursday 28	Feria
Friday 29	Feria
Saturday 30	ST ANDREW
Sunday 1	ADVENT I

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. Our Masses are streamed on the Goring and Woodcote Catholic Parish page on Facebook.

### ASSISTED SUICIDE DEBATE

Lord Alton, for many years one of the most prominent and impressive Catholic Parliamentarians, has sent cards which help us contact our MPs. As you know, the debate is on Friday. It is no exaggeration to say that this may prove one of the most important ethical moments for many years for our nation.

### MIRIAM PERERA, RIP

Miriam will be received into Church on Tuesday afternoon when Fr Andrew from Watlington will offer Mass for her. Her funeral Mass will be at noon on Wednesday followed by a reception in the Galilee when her family returns from the crematorium. 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

... may not be completely accurate. Please remind me of anything I miss.

### VILLAINS

... have tried to force the sacristy door and the outer door to the Galilee this week. Please be vigilant. The church will remain open but we must be sensible.

### MGR MICHAEL SHARKEY

Fr Michael, our friend and neighbour at St Michael's in Sonning Common, announced his retirement last Sunday. We wish him well for the years ahead and thank him for his friendship, not least in hearing our Confessions, over the last 7 years. I will be helping out from time to time saying weekday Masses there.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS & MISSALS

Christmas cards and Advent calendars are on sale in aid of the charity *Aid to the Church in Need*. There are packs at different prices, every penny of which supports the charity's work with persecuted Christians. New Missals have arrived; some have been ordered; others are available for inspection.

### MEDIAEVAL CAROLS

We are up to 55% 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 Bishop Richard Walker the previous week.

### CHRIST THE KING

The two sung Masses today end with Benediction and, at Woodcote, a little party at to mark the feast. Last Friday I was delighted to accept a generous donation from the Woodcote Rally Trustees for CTK. We have had two other generous gifts recently. In three weeks' time you will see a new frontal, cassocks and a set of Catholic hymn books to use alongside the red ones. Thank you to everyone involved.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Today is the annual second collection for the diocese's youth work. Thank you if you are in a position to help. There have been many, many collections recently. Thank you for all your kindness

### READERS AT MASS

6pm: Simon Enright; 10am: the Wheatley family; 11.30: Chris Gregory & Anna Griffiths.

### 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. There are two still available at Goring for December. We are able to add others to their number if needs be.

### PLEASE PRAY

... 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, Rosie, Jake, for 8 others & for SG's friends;

... for Henrietta Challinor, Fr Edward Corbould, Miriam Perera, John Wilson, Jacqueline Bohanna and David Kerlake; and for Fr Arthur Thomas Samsons, Marjorie Berkeley, Nora Morrish, Priscilla Lehar, Harriet Heath, Alice Sumner, Brian Godley, Hazel Nicholas, Catherine Copeman, Fr John Formby, Thomas Ritchie (annivs.)

### AND SO ENDS ANOTHER YEAR

Advent Sunday will be here once again next Sunday. God bless you all.

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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