



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

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ADVENT II

Monday 9	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (<i>tr.</i>)	Goring	8.00am	Gareth Bennett (anniv.)
Tuesday 10	St Edmund Gennings	Goring	6.00pm	Rosemary Samways RIP
Wednesday 11	St Damasus	Goring	9.30am	Peggy Allaway (anniv.)
Thursday 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Woodcote	12.00pm	Jake's intentions (seriously ill)
Friday 13	St Lucy	Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour</i>
		Goring	10.00am	Rachel Boulding RIP
Saturday 14	St John of the Cross	Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Fr Nicholas France RIP
Sunday 15	ADVENT III	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Fr Jacob Lewis RIP
		Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention

The parish is 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, not least financial. Our Masses are generally streamed on the *Goring and Woodcote Catholic Parish* page on Facebook.

FR JACOB LEWIS, RIP

I hope that by now everyone will have heard about Fr Jacob's death last weekend. We offered Masses for him last week and will continue to do so. We have a provisional date for his funeral: Wednesday 18 December at noon with Fr Jacob being brought into church on the previous evening at 6pm when there will be another Requiem. As I say, this is still a *provisional* date as I have not seen a formal announcement from the diocese but it is unlikely to change. It may well be that we will need help on the day with a reception in the village hall after the Mass. More details next week.

MEDIAEVAL CAROLS: 13 DEC.
As I type on Saturday morning, the main body of the church is nearly sold out and the Galilee tickets are selling fast. If you hope to come, I would advice booking soon to avoid disappointment. We need a few helping hands on the night for marshalling, taking tickets, refreshments and other jobs. Are you able to help? Please have a word.

WELCOME AND THANKS

It is very good to have Bishop Richard Walker with us this morning for the two sung Masses. Bishop Richard is the new auxiliary bishop for this end of the diocese and this is his first liturgical visit to us. It is rather nice that it is an "entirely normal" Sunday rather than a great feast or Confirmation. There will be coffee and mince pies after the 10am Mass. Do stay if you can to say hello to His Lordship. Thank you to all who have provided these.

ADVENT FLOWERS?

As you know, traditionally there are no altar flowers in Advent and the modern rubrics remind us that we wait in sober expectation and must not unduly anticipate the full joy of Christmas. However, it seemed wrong to remove the flowers which Sharmala so beautifully arranged for Miriam's funeral. Some of them stand by Our Lady and the Sacred Heart. May she rest in peace.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Chris Sexon; 10am: Richard Harding; 11.30: the Sims family

GORING ECUMENICAL CARDS

These have been sorted into folders for distribution to the streets of Goring. If you can help please take a folder from inside the main door of St Thomas's and pop them through letter boxes. Our own parish cards are also available this morning.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & MISSALS
Christmas cards and Advent calendars are on sale for *Aid to the Church in Need*, every penny of which supports the charity's work with persecuted Christians. New Missals are available for inspection or ordering.

COFFEE AND CAKE

Next Sunday is Gaudete Sunday, the mid-point of Advent. I am very grateful to the friend who has given a new rose pink frontal for Christ the King. We will have coffee and cake after the 10am Mass. Please have a word with the Sadlers if you can bake.

VOTIVE LIGHTS

... burn during December for the Brown family at Woodcote and for the Pacey family, Tina Rapinet and EM at Goring.

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; *We will review this list before Christmas. Please keep us informed.*

... for Luella, Henrietta Challinor, Fr Edward Corbould, Miriam Perera, Fr Richard Hanford, David Kerslake; Rosemary Samways and Fr Jacob Lewis; also for Mary Letitia Sammons, Gareth Bennett, Patrick Walsh and Margaret Allaway (annivs)

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.stjohnthames@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.