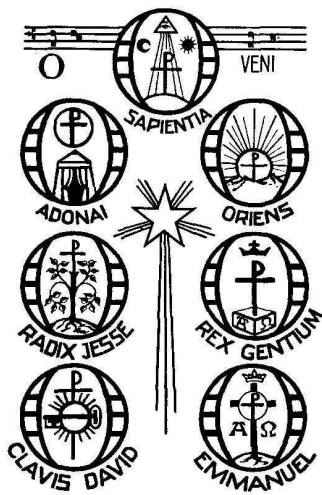


*The Catholic Parish of Our Lady & St John,
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ADVENT III

		Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Fr Nicholas France RIP
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Fr Jacob Lewis RIP
		Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention
Monday 16	Feria	Goring	8.00am	Departed members of the Hood family
Tuesday 17	Feria	<i>O sapientia</i> Goring	6.00pm	<i>Reception into Church & Requiem Mass</i>
Wednesday 18	Feria	<i>O Adonai</i> Goring	12.00pm	REQUIEM: Fr Jacob Lewis RIP
Thursday 19	Feria	<i>O radix Jesse</i> Woodcote	NB 9.30am	Rosemary Samways RIP
		Goring	12.00pm	FUNERAL LITURGY
Friday 20	Feria	<i>O clavis David</i> Goring	10.00am	Private intention <i>Holy Hour</i> from 9am
		Woodcote	7.00pm	PENITENTIAL SERVICE & Confessions
Saturday 21	Feria	<i>O Oriens</i> Goring	7.00am	Rorate Mass <i>by candlelight</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	James Molloy (anniv.) <i>Confessions from 5pm</i>
Sunday 22	ADVENT IV	<i>O Rex gentium</i> Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention
		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

Fr Jacob will be laid to his rest this week in the parish where he served as God's priest for over a quarter of a century. He will be received into church on Tuesday evening at 6pm when there will be the first of two Requiem Masses. All friends are very welcome to both. The Archbishop will be here to celebrate the funeral Mass on Wednesday at noon. There will be a reception after the burial in the village hall. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the food already. We continue to send Carol our love and our prayers

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our usual service and opportunity to make our Confessions with two visiting priests will be on Friday at 7pm at Christ the King. *Do come!*

MEDIAEVAL CAROLS

Thank you to those who helped before, during and after last Friday's concert. It was a very happy evening with a full church and Galilee including several people for whom it was the first time in the building.

THIS SUNDAY 1

The plan was for Christ the King to have a new rose pink altar frontal this morning, the generous gift of a kind parishioner. It may well be that events have conspired to delay this slightly. We are incredibly grateful.

THIS SUNDAY 2

I have invited James Long to speak briefly after some of our Masses about the work of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and the Order's support for the Patriarchate in Jerusalem and not least the parish of the Holy Family in Gaza. You may remember that James spoke powerfully about this roughly twelve months ago. I thought it would be good to hear something of an update.

THIS SUNDAY 3

To mark Gaudete Sunday we will have one of our coffee-and-cake mornings after the 10am Mass. Thanks to all who bake and help. Do stay if you possibly can.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Maureen Lewis; 10am: the Singleton family; 11.30: the Mayer family

BRICKLAYING

You may have seen the bricklayer in the church grounds in Goring during the last few days. It has been pretty grim weather for the task but the Victorian wall which had developed alarming cracks is now firmly on the way to being safe and sound. The cracks were widening and it was, frankly, an accident waiting to happen. Thanks to Luke for his skills.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & MISSALS

There are still a few Christmas cards are on sale for *Aid to the Church in Need*, every penny of which supports the charity's work with persecuted Christians. Thank you for buying your cards from us this year. New Sunday Missals are available for inspection or ordering. There are three versions from three different publishers, each at £20. The Catholic Truth Society also publishes a more luxurious presentation edition at £30.

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, David Kerslake; Rosemary Samways and Fr Jacob Lewis who have died; also for Francis Williams, Monica Burnand and James Molloy whose anniversaries all this week.

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.