

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

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ADVENT IV



Monday 23	Feria (St John of Kety)	Goring	Sat 6.00pm	James Molloy (anniv.)
Tuesday 24	Feria (<i>Christmas Eve</i>)	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Faithful departed (L)
		Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention
Wednesday 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Goring	8.00am	J. Nally <i>Confessions: 12 (CTK) & 6pm (OLSJ)</i>
		Goring	5.00pm	Vigil of Christmas & carols
		Woodcote	8.00pm	Of the Night & carols
		Goring	10.00pm	Of the Night & carols - Tina Rapinet (ann.)
Thursday 26	ST STEPHEN	Goring (Latin)	7.00am	Of the Dawn
		Goring (English)	8.00am	Of the Dawn
		Goring	10.00am	Of the Day & carols
		Woodcote	11.30am	Of the Day & carols
Friday 27	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	Woodcote	9.30am	Private intention
Saturday 28	HOLY INNOCENTS	Goring	10.00am	Private intention <i>No Holy Hour this week</i>
		Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Private intention
Sunday 29	HOLY FAMILY <i>Christmas I</i>	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention
		Woodcote	11.30am	Faithful departed (WO'C)

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Everything is on this sheet, on the posters, on the website and in the greetings cards. Please make Mass a priority in the hurly-burly of the next few days. **Streatley bridge is shut from 5.45pm to 8pm** on Christmas Eve which will have an impact on people who come from the Berkshire side of the river to the 5pm and 8pm Masses

FR JACOB LEWIS, RIP
Thank you to everyone who helped in any way last week with Fr Jacob's funeral, which includes those friends who could not be present but who offered up their prayers in union with the people in church. Fr Jacob chose much of the material for the Mass. I know that Carol and the Lewis family were very touched by all the support, not least with all the practical help in the village hall. The Archbishop was similarly grateful. It was a huge team effort. Thank you one and all. May he rest in peace.

CHURCH CLEANING & DECORATING
We will have our usual winter clean and decorating sessions on Monday at Christ the King from 12pm (open to negotiation!) and Tuesday from 10am at OLSJ Please come if you can Who knows, there may be a refreshment or two. Some of our regular helpers are out of action this year. Many hands make light work.

CHRIST THE KING FRONTAL
My thanks to Fiona Preston for all the work which went into our new rose-pink altar frontal and tabernacle veil which were used for the first time last week. And thanks to the very generous parishioner who has given it to the church..

THE HOLY LAND
I am grateful to James Long for updating us on the situation at the Holy Family Parish in Gaza and the Latin Patriarchate after Mass last week. I have printed off some of the figures on which we may ponder.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING
I hate typing this paragraph each year. As you know, the Christmas Offering is the gift of the parish to the parish clergy. Some friends do not realise (and HMRC finds it hard to believe!) that this is, in fact, the principal source of an income for parish priests. I cannot tell you how grateful, and also how embarrassed I am, at this. But that in no way diminishes my sense of gratitude. Thank you all so very, very much for your kindness in so many ways.

READERS AT MASS
6pm: John O'Donohue; 10am: Roberts family; 11.30: Heath family.

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

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Please pray for Jackie Nally, David Symons, Luella, David Kerslake, Rosemary Samways and Fr Jacob Lewis; also for Francis Price, Gladys Evans, Mary Browne, Francis Etherington, Tina Rapinet, Frederick Hallett, Ernest Braclik, Margaret Crook and Kate Ward .

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 9 others & for SG's friends; *We will review this list at Christmas. Please keep us informed.*

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