



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

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (*Sunday after the Epiphany*)

Monday 13	St Hilary of Poitiers	Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Private intention
Tuesday 14	Feria	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Wednesday 15	Feria	Goring	10.00am	Rita Good (anniv.)
Thursday 16	Feria	Oratory Prep School	11.30am	Private intention
Friday 17	St Antony	Goring	8.00am	Private intention
Saturday 18	Our Lady on Saturday	Goring	6.00pm	Clive Bosley RIP (funeral day)
Sunday 19	SUNDAY II OF THE YEAR ( <i>Epiphany II</i> )	Goring	9.30am	Private intention
		Woodcote	12.00pm	Fr Jacob Lewis RIP (AMH)
		Goring	9.00am	<i>Holy Hour</i>
		Goring	10.00am	Johan Brun (funeral day)
		Woodcote	12.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Private intention <i>Confessions 5pm</i>
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention
		Woodcote	11.30am	Rita Lonsdale (anniv.)

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 THANKS

*I have said this for the last two Sundays but people are often away at this time of year. Therefore it is only right that I repeat ...*

Christmas festivities, of course, do not "just happen." Many, many people helped in so many ways to make our two churches look so wonderful and the 400 or so people who worshipped here so welcome. It is invidious (and dangerous!) to start singling people out so I hope a big "thank you" from the bottom of my heart will go some way towards saying what needs to be said. Speaking personally, I would also like to thank you all for your overwhelming generosity in the Christmas Offering, in the many cards and presents which have come to the presbytery.

THE COLD WEATHER

Do keep an eye out for vulnerable neighbours. It can be a very difficult time of year for people.

CLERGY FRATERNAL

The local clergy get-together in Goring takes place at OLSJ on Monday.

TODAY AT 11.30

I hope that by now as many people as possible will have heard the message that Mass is at the Oratory Prep School. South Stoke Road and other roads in Woodcote are closed for the Woodcote 10K run as has been the case for quite a few years. I am grateful to the Rotary Club in Pangbourne for their early warning of this event. I think this is the first time a parish event has taken place here, at least for many years. It gives the boarders who are at Sunday Mass in the parish in term-time an opportunity to share their chapel with the rest of us. I know some parishioners have lived here for decades and never set foot in the OPS chapel. Others, of course, know it very well. I am very grateful to Mr De Silva and his colleagues for this opportunity. We will be back to normal next week.

CRIB COLLECTION

This will be divided between the drop-in centre in Reading and the church's emergency work in the Holy Land. Thank you all.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Do stay if you can for coffee and biscuits after the 10am Mass. A new machine is on its way. In the meantime we have Fr Antony's large cafe-tiere to save the day.

FIRST AID BOXES

These are available at the back of CTK and in the kitchen at OLSJ. Bio-hazard cleaning kits are there too.

ULTRA LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

These are available at all Masses. Please ask if you require one.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Simon Enright; 10am: Frances & Neil MacIntosh; 11.30: OPS pupils.

VOTIVE LIGHTS

... burn during January for the Brown family at Woodcote and for the Pacey family and Keith Gregory at Goring. Would you like to dedicate the other one to someone or some intention?

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 are reviewing this list. There is no limit to length of time but information is always good to have.*

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Please pray for Dolly Fitzpatrick, Clive Bosley, Fr David Barnes and Johan Brun who have died recently and also for Rita Good Etienne de Hedry, Joseph Ardill, Ann Vyvyan, Margaret Holder, Madge De Freitas, Marguerite Baxendale, Rita Lonsdale, John Reid, Agnes Bellasis whose anniversaries fall at this time.

THE NEEDS BOX at the back of church in Goring supports the work of Churches In Reading Drop In Centre (CIRDIC.) Thank you for all your generosity. *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.*