



St Nicholas Owen pray for us

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

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SUNDAY II OF THE YEAR (*Epiphany II*)

Monday 20	St Fabian				<i>No Mass today</i>
Tuesday 21	St Agnes				<i>No Mass today</i>
Wednesday 22	St Vincent				<i>No Mass today</i>
Thursday 23	St Nicholas Owen				<i>No Mass today</i>
Friday 24	St Francis de Sales				<i>No Mass today</i>
Saturday 25	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	Woodcote	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>	
		Goring	6.00pm	Unity of Christians	
Sunday 26	SUNDAY III OF THE YEAR (<i>Epiphany III</i>)	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people	
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention	
		Woodcote	11.30am	Kathy King (anniv.)	
		Mapledurham	6.00pm	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 streamed when possible on the *Goring and Woodcote Catholic Parish* page on Facebook.

THIS WEEK

I am away from parish duties for the inside of the week. A week's holiday is traditional for parish priests after Christmas and Easter and often does a power of good recharging flat clerical batteries. **If you need a priest in case of a pastoral emergency please contact Fr John Osman at St Birinus in Dorchester on 01865 340417.** I am very grateful to Fr John for this and am delighted to reciprocate when he is away from his parish. I will be back on duty for Confessions.

DAILY MASSES

There are no weekday Masses this week. Please see the websites at Dorchester and Caversham for times. At present, Sonning Common has fewer Masses than it did before Fr Sharkey retired. We will have to see what the future brings there and elsewhere in the Deanery.

APOLOGIES

I am sorry that I was late getting to Christ the King at lunchtime yesterday. I hope no-one was disappointed and went away before I arrived.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This Jubilee Year is focussed on the idea of pilgrimage. We have had a number of good suggestions and will try to arrange some or all of these ... Spring: Saturday morning walking pilgrimage to Our Lady of Caversham
10 May: Saturday pilgrimage to Walsingham with the diocese
24-30 May: diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes
summer: parish trip to Harvington
October: possibly, just possibly, a trip to Rome???

COFFEE & CAKE AFTER MASS

Two Sunday dates for your diaries between now and Easter:
2 Feb: Candlemas
30 Mar: Lent IV (Mothering Sunday)
Thanks to those who organise, bake, serve and wash up. Perhaps our younger parishioners might care to bake for the March one.

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.

CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE

This is the annual (since 1909) week of prayer for the Unity of Christians. As you know, the various churches in our large parish have friendly relations (not just the three churches in Goring) and we do lots of things together, perhaps largely unseen. In the past we have had some very sparsely attended services. There is no such service this year but we keep on praying.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Stephen Lillie; 10am: David Browne & Rochard Harding; 11.30: Chris Gregory & Anna Griffiths..

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 one in February 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, 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 Lonsdale, George Sharps, Claire Howard-Allen, Nicholas Trappes-Lomax, Eileen Nicholas, Kathleen King and Peter Savage whose anniversaries fall this week.

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