



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

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SUNDAY VIII OF THE YEAR (*Quinquagesima*)

		Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Conty Brown (1st anniv.)
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Ellen Danby (1st anniv.)
		Woodcote	11.30am	Ann Callison (1st anniv.)
Monday 3	Feria (Votive of St Chad)	Goring	8.00am	Norman White (anniv.)
Tuesday 4	St Casimir (<i>Shrove Tuesday</i>)	Goring	NB 8.00am	Pope Francis (ill)
Wednesday 5	ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i>	Goring	7.30am	<i>All Masses offered for the Parish and its</i>
		Woodcote	12.00pm	<i>people with the Blessing and Imposition</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	<i>of Ashes</i>
Thursday 6	Feria	Woodcote	12.00pm	Kieran Watt-Smith RIP (per C&E)
Friday 7	Feria (Ss. Perpetua & Felicity <i>First Friday</i>)	Goring	10.00am	Peter Vlk (anniv.) <i>Holy Hour from 9am</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 8	(St John of God)	Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Private intention
Sunday 9	LENT I	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Pereira family intentions
		Woodcote	11.30am	Alan Griffiths (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 streamed when possible on the *Goring and Woodcote Catholic Parish* page on Facebook.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Another year has come round. As usual, our parish First Holy Communion Mass will be on Trinity Sunday which this year falls on 15 June. Classes will start at the beginning of Lent. Please have a word, ideally by email, if you have a young person who will be thinking about making this great step in their life. The usual age-group is Year 3 at primary school and above.

CONFIRMATION

If you would like to be prepared for this sacrament, please contact the presbytery.

LENT IN CHURCH

In addition to the usual Masses we will pray the Stations of the Cross each week and resume the series of *Sycamore* films about the Catholic Faith on Wednesdays at 7pm. Please take a *Walk with Me* booklet.

ECUMENICAL HOUSE GROUPS
These will run in Lent in Goring as they have done for many years. Sign-up lists are at the back of both churches.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

There are two days in the year, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, which are given this title. The usual suggestion is that we have one meal and one or two collations which do not add up to a second meal. But the details are up to you. Of course, ill health, youth or old age have always been reasons for common sense!

VOTIVE LAMPS

These burn during March for the Brown family at Woodcote and for Peter Vlk and Sr Jude and Sr Assumpta at Goring. One remains.

SECOND COLLECTION

In other years, 2 March is kept as St Chad's Day and there is a second collection for the upkeep of our mother church, St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. Thank you. We will offer a votive Mass of our patron saint on Monday..

WOODCOTE CASSOCKS

Thank you to the kind and generous parishioner who has given three new cassocks to fit growing servers.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This Jubilee Year is focussed on the idea of pilgrimage. How about ...
1. Saturday 12 April: pilgrimage to Our Lady of Caversham. Walkers to set off after breakfast in the Galilee; Mass at 1pm followed by picnic lunch. Do feel free to come for the Mass if the whole walk is tricky.
2. 10 May: Saturday pilgrimage to Walsingham with the diocese. Details on the posters.
3. 24-30 May: diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. See the diocesan website
4. summer: parish trip to Harvington
5. November: joint trip to Rome with Caversham..

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

In March the diocese is asking every parish to look at the question of money. We will have to play our part, and it cannot be ignored, but I hope it will not swamp Lent too much. I will have a little to say in general terms at this weekend's Masses.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Monique Wilkinson; 10am: Graham Sadler; 11.30: Fec family.

PLEASE PRAY

THE SICK: for Margaret, Jeanie, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Gill, Joan, Lavinia, Kevin, John, Pat-sy, 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, Ignatius, Pope Francis, 11 others & for SG's friends; **THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:** for Mair, Sr Jude, Sr Assumpta and Kieran Watt-Smith; for Ellen Danby, Conty Brown, Ann Callison, Jean Kilduff, Peter Vilk, Dodo Peat, Ward Carete, Margaret Bayliffe, Elizabeth Sharps, Joshua Bottoms & Alan Griffith (annivs.)

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