



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

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LENT I

Monday 10 Feria
Tuesday 11 Feria
Wednesday 12 Feria
Thursday 13 Feria
Friday 14 Feria
Saturday 15 Feria
Sunday 16 LENT II

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Sheila Macnab RIP
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Pereira family intentions
Woodcote	11.30am	Alan Griffiths (anniv.)
Goring	8.00am	Jonathan Miall RIP
Goring	6.00pm	Kitty Louise Graham RIP
Goring	9.30am	Sexon family intentions
Woodcote	12.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Woodcote	12.00pm	Jean Barrett (anniv.)
Goring	10.00am	Sr Jude RIP <i>No Holy Hour this week</i>
Goring	6.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Woodcote	2.30pm	<i>Holy Baptism</i>
Goring	6.00pm	James Fitzpatrick <i>Confessions from 5pm</i>
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Roxane Elmy (birthday)
Woodcote	11.30am	Pereira family intentions

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 later this year, please contact the presbytery.

EXTRAS FOR LENT

The Stations are prayed at both churches in the course of a week. Please take a *Walk with Me* booklet. On Wednesday night at 7pm we resume watching and discussing the series of *Sycamore* films about the Catholic Faith. This week's film is *The Power of Prayer*. For more information see www.sycamore.tv. The ecumenical house groups start this week too.

NO HOLY HOUR

I am grateful to Mgr Andrew Burnham for saying this Friday's Mass. Please note that there is no Holy Hour but there will be Stations in the evening.

LENTEN FASTING FOR CAFOD

This Friday is the annual *Family Fast Day* for CAFOD. The idea is that we give what we would otherwise have spent on ourselves to help feed those throughout the world who have very little. Anne Nisbet and will be talking next weekend.

VOTIVE LAMPS

These burn during March for the Brown family at Woodcote and for the Vlk family, for Sr Jude and Sr Assumpta and for a private intention at Goring.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generosity to the upkeep of St Chad's Cathedral and for all the charity collections recently. In particular, I have had warm letters of thanks this week from CIRDIC and Friends of the Holy Land for your kind Crib Collection.

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 will set off after breakfast in the Galilee; you may also join at Whitchurch and Mapledurham or drive down in time for Mass at 1pm followed by a picnic.
2. 10 May: Saturday pilgrimage to Walsingham with the diocese. Details on the posters and flyers.
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

There will be more about this initiative from the diocese later in the spring. In the meantime please feel free to take away one of the sheets with a summary of 2024's accounts, now completed and with the diocese for auditing.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Christ Sexon; 10am: Singleton family; 11.30 Philip Chepkwony.

PLEASE PRAY

FOR James Fitzpatrick to be baptized at Goring next Saturday and for all the Fitzpatrick & Fleming families

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, Ignatius, Pope Francis, 11 others & for SG's friends; THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: for Sheila Macnab, Mair, Sr Jude, Sr Assumpta, Jonathan Miall, Lulu Graham, Pat and for Alan Griffiths, George Grove & Jean Barrett (ann.)

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.