



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

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LENT III

Monday 24	Feria	Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Patrick de la Croix (birthday)
Tuesday 25	ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Wednesday 26	Feria	Goring	10.00am	Canon Robin Ward's intentions
Thursday 27	Feria	Woodcote	11.30am	Faithful departed (WOC)
Friday 28	Feria	Goring	8.00am	Edward Henderson (ill)
Saturday 29	Saturday in Lent	Goring	6.00pm	Private intention (B, M & F)
Sunday 30	LENT IV (LAETARE) <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Goring	9.30am	Farnborough Abbey
		Woodcote	12.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
		Mapledurham	12.00pm	Helen Dunstan (operation)
		Goring	10.00am	EM (birthday) <i>Holy Hour from 9am</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
		Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	Private intention
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention
		Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention
		Mapledurham	6.00pm	Eyston 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.

<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> Lent seems to be zooming past. Next Sunday sees mid-Lent Sunday (Laetare Sunday or Mothering Sunday) when our Lenten disciplines lighten just a little. There can be no better day to have one of our COFFEE AND CAKE sessions after the 10am Mass. Could you possibly bake something? This year the boarders will have finished term so we will be without our younger bakers. We will also be without one or two regular helpers. Could you step in to help after Mass?</p> <p><b>LENTEN TIMINGS</b> Stations of the Cross at both churches have been somewhat sparse. In one sense the important thing is that they are prayed on behalf of the whole parish but if these are impossible times for you, please let me know. I may be able to help.</p> <p><b>A MINISTRY OF WELCOME</b> Before lockdown, 5 years ago, we had people handing out hymn books, papers etc and being a friendly face at the doors of our churches. Can you help restore this work? Perhaps once a month or every six weeks?</p>	<p><b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025</b> We have started this year's preparations on Thursday at 4pm. It is an exciting time not just for our young parishioners but for their parents and the parish as a whole. Keep Domonic and Marcus in your prayers. Are there any more children who would like to join?</p> <p><b>LENTEN FASTING FOR CAFOD</b> Thank you all for your generosity towards Cafod from the Family Fast Day and last Sunday's appeal by Anne. The bowls will be out again this Sunday if you have an envelope to return. I will send off a big cheque during the week.</p> <p><b>VOTIVE LAMPS</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>PILGRIMS OF HOPE</b> Full details of our pilgrimage route to Caversham on Saturday 12 April are on the posters with space to sign up. Do the whole 9 miles, join later at Whitchurch or Mapledurham or just drive down for our pilgrimage Mass at 1pm and bring something to share at a picnic lunch.</p> <p><b>FUTURE PILGRIMAGES:</b> 10 May: Saturday pilgrimage to Walsingham with the diocese. Details on the posters and flyers. 24-30 May: diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. See the diocesan website. summer: parish trip to Harvington. November: joint trip to Rome with Caversham.</p> <p><b>READERS AT MASS</b> 6pm: Maureen Lewis; 10.00am: Birmingham family; 11.30am: Hart family.</p> <p><b>COMING UP</b> Tickets are live on the Galilee website for Jeremy Nicholas's return on 16 May with an evening of laughter and readings from <i>Three Men in a Boat</i>. A great treat! Do take a flyer.</p>	<p><b>PLEASE PRAY</b> 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, Edward, Helen, Peter 11 others &amp; for SG's friends; THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Ignatius Pereira, John Higgins, Sheila Macnab, Pat Blacquiery who have died recently; also Philip Turnstill, Doris Wright, Catherine Barr, Bridget Ledgerwood whose anniversaries fall this week.</p>
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