



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

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LENT IV *Laetare* (Mothering Sunday)

Monday 31	Feria		Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Colin Cole RIP
Tuesday 1	Feria		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Wednesday 2	Feria (St Francis of Paola)		Goring	10.00am	Pat Ashton RIP
Thursday 3	Feria		Woodcote	11.30am	Pat Ashton RIP
Friday 4	Feria	<i>Day of Abstinence First Friday</i>	Mapledurham	6.00pm	Eyston family intentions
Saturday 5	Saturday in Lent		Goring	8.00am	Fr Bruce Dutson's intentions
Sunday 6	PASSION SUNDAY (LENT V)		Goring	6.00pm	Blair family intentions
			Goring	9.30am	Karol (hospital)
			Woodcote	12.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
			Woodcote	12.00pm	Pat (per AMH)
			Goring	10.00am	Rosemary Allan (ann.) <i>Holy Hour at 9</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	Colin Cole RIP
			Woodcote	11.30am	Private intention

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.

PAT ASHTON RIP

We learned with the greatest sadness this week that Pat died in hospital in Miami having been taken ill on holiday. We send Andrew, Catherine and Richard our prayers and our sympathy. She was a pillar of our parish for many years, particularly at Christ the King, and we will miss her greatly. She was also known to many generations of Wallingford people in general practice, using her maiden name Dr White, and to people associated with the two Oratory schools. I will let you know details about her funeral in due course. May she rest in peace.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Christ the King: Wednesday at noon; OLSJ: Friday at 6pm.

SYCAMORE FILMS

In the Galilee Wednesdays 7-8pm. This week: *The Light of Christ*.

A MINISTRY OF WELCOME. 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? Perhaps once a month or every six weeks? A couple of parishioners have mentioned that Fr Tom asked the readers to do this. What do you think of that idea?

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.

SAFEGUARDING

After quite a few months and all sorts of administrative work, I can now announce that the Archbishop has appointed Kate Carberry-Long to be our new Parish Safeguarding Rep following Lucy Bonnett. I am very grateful to Kate for taking on this aspect of parish life—often unseen but utterly indispensable. I will ask her to speak about the role at Mass in the near future.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Do please stay if you can to mark the day with COFFEE AND CAKE after the 10am Mass. My thanks to those who have baked.

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. Please ask for April.

LOST PROPERTY

An item of jewellery has been found at St Birinus in Dorchester which Fr John suspects belongs to someone from our parish. If it is yours, please contact him on 01865 340417.

CONFIRMATION MASS

Bishop Richard Walker will be with us on Sunday 14 September. Please have a word if you would like to be prepared for the sacrament.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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 drive down for Mass at 1pm and bring something to share at a picnic lunch.

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Maggie Shinkwin; 10am: Richard Harding; 11.30: Sims family.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tickets are live on the Galilee website for Jeremy Nicholas's return on 16 May with an evening of laughter and readings from *Three Men in a Boat*. A great treat! Do take a flyer.

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, Patricia, Gary, Keith, John, Alice, Philippa, Fr Bruce, Tamsin, Miriam, Adam, David, Rose, Rosie, Jake, Ignatius, Edward, Helen, Peter, Lily 11 others & for SG's friends;

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Colin Cole, Ignatius Pereira and Sheila Macnab who have died recently; also Philip Turnstill, Doris Wright, Catherine Barr, Bridget Ledgerwood, Bernard Lyons, Leland a Beckett Robinson, Rosemary Patricia Allan (anns.)