

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

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EASTER II



*Duccio, The Incredulity of St Thomas*

Monday 28 ST GEORGE (transferred)

Tuesday 29 ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Wednesday 30 St Pius V

Thursday 1 St Joseph the Worker

Friday 2 St Athanasius

*First Friday*

Saturday 3 SS. PHILIP & JAMES

Sunday 4 EASTER III

Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Christina Hill-Williams RIP
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Thomas McDermott ( <i>Baptism during Mass</i> )
Woodcote	11.30am	Faithful departed (WO'C)
Mapledurham	6.00pm	Eyston family intentions
Goring	8.00am	Antoinette Molyneux RIP
Goring	5.00pm	Reception into Church and Vespers
Goring	6.00pm	Private intention (RIP)
Goring	9.30am	CIOM's intentions (birthday)
Goring	2.00pm	FUNERAL MASS: Colin Cole RIP
Woodcote	12.00pm	Neil Ward (anniv.)
Goring	9.00am	<i>No Holy Hour; Benediction at 9.45am</i>
Goring	10.00am	Ignatius Pereira RIP (funeral day)
Goring	5.00pm	<i>Confessions</i>
Goring	6.00pm	A parishioner's intentions (per AMH)
Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people
Goring	10.00am	Private intention
Woodcote	11.30am	Dee Speers (anniv.)

**POPE FRANCIS RIP**

I mentioned the line "a week is a long time" last Sunday and so this Easter week has proved to be. At breakfast-time on Easter Monday, Pope Francis died. What an appropriate time for a Christian to come before the Lord. We have followed the various events in Rome leading up to his funeral Requiem mass yesterday. Thank you to everyone who was able to join in one of the additional Masses which we offered in the last few days at such very short notice. I was struck by many things in the funeral liturgy, one being how little was changed from the liturgy which was organised and published by Pope John Paul II. There are inevitable tweaks each time but there was a great sense of continuity. The reporting often got this wrong. The Vatican Media's broadcast was admirable: relatively few words but each one to the point and about the act of worship. I am sure it will be available on YouTube. Prayer cards from the Bishops' Conference are available this morning. Do take one. **May he rest in peace.**

**THOMAS McDERMOTT**

Please pray for little Thomas on this day which sees his Baptism during the 10am Mass at Goring. A very warm welcome to all those who have made the journey to be with him today and to his whole family. Easter is a wonderful time to be baptized and today's Gospel—about Saint Thomas—could not be better.

**EASTER OFFERING**

Thank you for all your kindnesses, Easter good wishes and greetings expressed in so many ways, not least through the Offering. It is perhaps a strange system in the 21st century (it is always interesting explaining things to HMRC!) but that in no way diminishes my gratitude for your generosity. I am deeply touched and will say Mass for you..

**COLIN COLE RIP**

Colin's Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 2pm at Goring, having been received into church on Tuesday night at 5pm when there is a chance to pray Vespers of the Dead and then pray quietly. Mass at 6pm will be in the Galilee one final time this spring.

**SIENA EXHIBITION**

If you are in London, do go and see the exhibition of religious paintings and art from Siena in the 14th and 15th centuries at the National Gallery. It is quite overpowering. As with the landmark exhibition *Seeing Salvation* 25 years ago, it speaks more powerfully than any sermon.

**READERS AT MASS**

6pm: Simon Enright; 10am: MacIntosh family; 11.30: Fiona Preston.

**FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Tickets are live on the Galilee website for Jeremy Nicholas's return on 16 May for *Three Men in a Boat*. This will be a wonderful evening telling the best-loved tale of the Thames again. Bring all your friends! See the link on [www.galileegoring.org.uk](http://www.galileegoring.org.uk)

**CAR PARKING**

This is can be tricky and thank you for being sensitive. We have "church grounds" rather than formal car parks. Priority needs to go to friends with mobility issues. In the next few weeks our neighbours in Goring will be putting up a wooden fence. You will have seen the over-grown bushes have been cut back already.

**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, Margaret, Bishop Richard, 11 others & for SG's friends; THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Antoinette Molyneaux, Verena Nevard, Colin Cole, Pat Ashton, Ignatius Pereira, Christina Hill-Williams and Penny Spinks; also Robert Laffan, Janet Careye, Alfie Willson, Dee Speers, John McLaughlin (annivs.)

**VOTIVE LAMPS**

Two are still available for May.

Chapel at the OPS this week: Mon & Wed: Masses; Thu: Crowning of Our Lady; Friday: Requiem for Pope Francis. Welcome to new pupils & boarders.

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