



Duccio, *The Appearance at Lake Tiberias*

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

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EASTER III

Monday 5 Feria in Eastertide
Tuesday 6 Feria in Eastertide
Wednesday 7 Feria in Eastertide
Thursday 8 Feria in Eastertide
Friday 9 *Feria in Eastertide*
Saturday 10 St John of Avila
Sunday 11 EASTER IV

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| Goring | Sat 6.00pm | A parishioner's intentions (per AMH) |
| Goring (Latin) | 8.00am | Parish & people |
| Goring | 10.00am | Ronald Crane (ill) |
| Woodcote | 11.30am | Dee Speers (anniv.) |
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| Goring | 5.00pm | <i>Confessions</i> |
| Goring | 6.00pm | Fr Andrew Burnham's intentions |
| Goring (Latin) | 8.00am | Parish & people |
| Goring | 10.00am | Sheila Macnab RIP |
| Woodcote | 11.30am | Parish & people <i>with Crowning of Our Lady</i> |

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. Mass is streamed on the Goring & Woodcote Catholic Parish page on Facebook. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church.

THE CONCLAVE

Please pray for the College of Cardinals as it meets in conclave this week. By the time I type the next newsletter we are likely to have a new Holy Father. May they discern the voice of the Spirit and may Pope Francis rest in peace.

NO MASS THIS WEEK

I am away from parish duties this week, not least to recharge some batteries and say some prayers. If you need a priest in a pastoral emergency please contact Fr John Osman at St Birinus in Dorchester on **01865 340417**. I am very grateful as ever to Fr John for this cover. I am also grateful to Fr Andrew Burnham for saying next Saturday night's Mass. I am very happy to return the favour when they are on retreat or holiday. If you wish to go to Mass midweek I know you will have a warm welcome at our neighbouring parishes either side of the river.

OUR LADY'S MONTH OF MAY

This wonderful month is here again. We had a happy crowning of Our Lady at school under glorious skies. We will do the same at Christ the King next Sunday morning at Mass.

THOMAS McDERMOTT

We congratulate Thomas and all his family on last Sunday's very happy baptism with many of his family and friends here. God bless him.

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 saw a full church with hearty singing of favourite hymns as Colin wished. May he rest in peace. You will see that the flowers from last Wednesday are now in front of Our Lady at Goring as his family requested. It is a lovely gesture. May he rest in peace.

VOTIVE LAMPS

These burn for the Brown family at Woodcote and for Graham Johnstone and family and examination candidates at Goring. One is still available.

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. I will be using some of the images from Duccio's *Maesta* altarpiece for these newsletters. There is a wonderful range of scenes from the life and ministry of Our Lord.

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

SUNDAY MASS AT THE O.P.S.

Through the year we are always delighted to welcome some of our younger parishioners to Mass, often on a Saturday evening, namely the boarders at the Oratory Prep School. This term has seen a number of new boarders which has made transport difficult. It is a happy problem to have! I will therefore be saying an extra Mass at school just for this term.

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, Ronald, 11 others & for SG's friends;

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Verena Nevard, Colin Cole, Pat Ashton, Ignatius Pereira, Christina Hill-Williams and Penny Spinks; also Doris Ardill (anniversary.)

READERS AT MASS

6pm: Monique Wilkinson; 10am: MacIntosh family; 11.30: Quinton family.

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