



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

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SUNDAY VI OF THE YEAR (*Quinquagesima*)

		Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Ward family intentions—	in thanksgiving
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people	
		Goring	10.00am	Archbishop Richard Moth	
		Woodcote	11.30am	Faithful departed	
				<i>No Mass today</i>	
Monday 16	Feria				
Tuesday 17	Founders of the Servite order	Goring	8.00am	Jonathan Smith (ann.)	
Wednesday 18	ASH WEDNESDAY	Goring	7.30am	Private intention	
	<i>Day of Fasting</i>	Woodcote	12.00pm	Private intention	
	<i>& Abstinence</i>	Goring	6.00pm	Private intention	
Thursday 19	Feria	Woodcote	12.00pm	Jill East (funeral day)	
Friday 20	Feria	Goring	10.00am	Peter Mortimer RIP	<i>Holy Hour—Vocations 9am</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday 21	Saturday (St Peter Damian)	Goring	6.00pm	A parishioner's ints (birthday)	<i>Confessions 5pm</i>
Sunday 22	LENT I	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people	
		Goring	10.00am	Ellen Danby (ann.)	
		Woodcote	11.30am	Hupé family intentions—in thanksgiving	

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. The parish priest tries to take Tuesday as a quiet day away from parish duties apart from Mass. Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Church in so many ways.

<p>FASTING AND ABSTINENCE On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics aged 18 to 60 are required to fast. Fasting consists of eating one modest meal and up to two small snacks ("collations") that together do not amount to a full meal. As always, those with health concerns or other serious reasons are exempt. Children who are too young to be bound by these rules should still be encouraged to enter into the spirit of penance in age-appropriate ways. Families might decide to give up sweets, limit screen time or set aside another small pleasure to help children recognise that these days are set apart and sacred, and prepare them for fuller participation as they mature. Throughout Lent, Catholics are encouraged to unite some form of fasting, whether from food, technology, habits or other comforts, with prayer and almsgiving. We do not fast to earn God's favour or to demonstrate our willpower. By freely giving up something good, we train our hearts to love more deeply</p> <p>READERS AT MASS 6pm: Chris Sexon; 10am: Singleton family; 11.30: Anna Griffiths & Chris Gregory.</p>	<p>LENT IS NEARLY HERE We will have a variety of additional things to help us start and then keep Lent well. These will include: - imposition of ashes at all Masses on Ash Wednesday. - Stations of the Cross: Weds, noon at CTK; Friday, 6pm at OLSJ. - Sung Compline: alternate Mondays at 8.30pm, sing-through 8pm. - the final four Sycamore study films, Wednesdays at 8pm. - ecumenical house prayers and study groups. The sign-up sheets are at the back of both churches. - <i>Walk with me</i> books for home use and children's calendars. - Cafod family fast day 27 February. - pilgrimage to Dorchester, date tbc</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THANKS</p> <p>My thanks to everyone who enabled my post-Christmas break from parish duties to happen last week. It was a super few days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH Archbishop Moth was enthroned yesterday at Westminster Cathedral. Pray for him in all that lies ahead in his diocese and public life.</p>	<p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION As usual, the Mass will be on Trinity Sunday which this year falls on 31 May. Classes will start at the beginning of Lent. The usual age-group is Year 3 but all are very welcome. Please give names to the presbytery as soon as you can.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFIRMATION CLASSES There has been a pleasing rush of enquiries about the sacrament recently. I will talk to Bishop Richard and find a date later in the year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VOTIVE LAMPS These burn during February for the Brown family and for two other parish families One is still available to dedicate in someone's name or a cause during February.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRAYING IN FEBRUARY Our Deanery has been given the responsibility of praying for vocations in February: to the religious life, diaconate, priesthood and every unique vocation. Holy hour on Friday.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OLSJ CANDLESTICKS These have not been stolen. They are going away for professional polishing and will be back for Easter.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE PRAY</p> <p>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, Oliver, Cordelia, Peter, Monica, Eva Maria, Tom, Charlie, Sophie, Paul, Jacob, Maureen, Eva, Gail, Tony, Claire, Ann, Tim, Susannah, Andzelika, Bill, Linda, David and Lindsey, Gail, Sr Maria Goretti, Pat, Emma, Paul, Deborah, Christine, Mark, Charlie, Catherine, Patricia, Gary, Keith, John, Alice, Tamsin, Adam, David, Rose, Rosie, Edward, Helen, Peter, Lily, Margaret, Keith, Fr John, 12 others, SG's friends; Masayori, Patrick, Olga, Isaac, Suzie, Sarah, Denis, Claire, Marjory, Sarah, Len, Pip, Kenneth</p> <p>THE DEPARTED: for Thomas O'Connor, Ian Millar, Paul Thompson, Jill East, Maureen Gregory, also Julian Hickey, Harold Pick, Fr Pat Davies, Jonathan Smith, Eleanor Orchard, Rudolph Capek, Jimmy Collins, Lilian Fitzherbert-Jones (annivs.)</p>
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