



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

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SUNDAY III OF LENT

		Goring	Sat 6.00pm	Private intention (illness)	
		Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people	
		Goring	10.00am	Pio Luigi Teodorani RIP	
		Woodcote	11.30am	Hart family intentions—in thanksgiving	
Monday 9	Feria (St Francis of Rome)	Goring	8.00am	Alan Griffiths (anniv.)	
				<i>No Compline this week</i>	
Tuesday 10	Feria	Goring	6.00pm	Fr Jonathan Martin's intentions	
Wednesday 11	Feria	Goring	9.30am	Claire Smith RIP	
		Woodcote	12.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Thursday 12	Feria	Woodcote	12.00pm	Ignatius Pereira (anniv.)	
Friday 13	Feria	Goring	10.00am	A family's intentions (illness)	<i>Holy Hour 9am</i>
		Goring	6.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday 14	Saturday	Goring	6.00pm	Private intention	<i>Confessions 5pm</i>
Sunday 15	LENT IV <i>Laetare</i> (<i>Mothering Sunday</i>)	Goring (Latin)	8.00am	Parish & people	
		Goring	10.00am	Private intention	
		Woodcote	11.30am	Alan Griffiths (anniv.)	

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.

LENT

There is a variety of additional things to help us keep Lent well. These include:

- Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at noon at CTK; Fridays at 6pm at OLSJ.
- Sung Compline: alternate Mondays at 8.30pm, sing-through of the plain-song at 8pm.
- the final four Sycamore study films, Wednesdays at 8pm. This is week.19: *How to pray*.
- ecumenical house prayers and study groups.
- *Walk with me* books for home use and children's calendars are available at the back of both churches.
- walking pilgrimage to Dorchester on a Saturday following the success of our pilgrimage to Caversham; date tbc after Easter.

EASTER CARDS

People often comment how hard it is to find devotional religious greetings cards for Easter. A shipment from *Aid to the Church in Need* will be here during the week ready for sale in church next weekend.

READERS AT MASS 6pm: the Jones family; 10am: the Wheatley family; 11.30: the Mayer family.

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, Kate Carberry-Long, may be contacted at sg.ol.stjohngothames@rcaob.org.uk. The Diocesan Safeguarding team may be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*

LAETARE SUNDAY

Next week the austerity of Lent lifts just a little with rose pink vestments and the opportunity to enjoy just a little refreshment from the fast. We will have a *Coffee and Cake* session after the 10am Mass. All baked contributions will be very, very welcome. Please stay if you can.

TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

Our usual printed cards will be ready and available from next Sunday but you may like to put the main times in your diaries now:
Palm Sunday: 9.45am (earlier than usual for the Procession) & 11.30.
Maundy Thursday: 8pm (Mass & Watch)

Good Friday 12pm (Stations at CTK) & 3pm (Solemn Liturgy)
Holy Saturday 8pm (Easter Liturgy)

WELCOMERS

From where I stand for Rosary from about 9.45 it is less than ideal to see new worshippers looking a little lost, not least working out what paperwork they need. Are there people who can help with this important task, particularly at Easter?

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparations with some of our younger parishioners start this week. Trinity Sunday this year is 31 May but we will have another Mass (as we have done most years since the lock-down) the following Sunday, 7 June, which appropriately enough is the Sunday after Corpus Christi. Any more for any more?

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

There has been a pleasing rush of enquiries about the sacrament recently. Some friends will be received and confirmed at Easter and I will talk to Bishop Richard and find a date later in the year.

VOTIVE LAMPS

These burn during March for the Brown family. for two other parish families, for Sólí and Nökkvi (hospital) and for Fr Pat Davies.

OLSJ CANDLESTICKS

These have gone away for professional polishing and will be back for Easter. My thanks to the OPS for the loan of the chapel "big six" for the weekend Masses so that the altar does not look too bare.

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, Oliver, Cordelia, Peter, Monica, Eva Maria, Tom, Charlie, Sophie, Paul, Jacob, Maureen, Eva, Gail, Tony, Claire, Ann, Tim, Susannah, Anzelika, 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, SG's friends; Masayori, Patrick, Olga, Isaac, Suzie, Sarah, Denis, Marjory, Sarah, Len, Pip, Sólí, Nökkvi and 13 anonymous friends.

DEPARTED: Claire Smith, Ann McHale, Patricia Graves, Hugh, Rob Small, Thomas O'Connor, Denis Enright, Pio Luigi Teodorani, Wendy Riley, P.J. McEvoy, David Heddaman also Alan Griffiths, Ignatius Pereira, George Grove and Jean Barrett (annivs.)