



# The Parish of Our Lady & St John & Christ the King



Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote  
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## PARISH NEWSLETTER: 19/01/20. THE SECOND ORDINARY SUNDAY

Sunday Mass times	6.00pm (Sat)	10.00am	11.30(Woodcote)
Readers: 18-19/01	S Enright	Children Readers	W Quinton
" 25-26/01	L Ellis	R Mortimer/P Seymour	Mrss Gregory/Griffiths
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group B (Goring)	A Sims (Woodcote)	////////////////////
Counting/banking(next weekends)	3 19/01- S Jones	26/01- D Browne	2/07 - P Ashton

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 19/01/2- £316.10p (Cash & Envs only. Thanks also to those who use SO & DD)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** –Patricia Bursey, Rosemary Allen, Ray & Margaret Lynch, Betty Browne, Elizabeth Leaver, Anne-Marie Hupé, Elizabeth Linley, Dora Nash, Kitty Holliday, Mary Hoban, John Warren, Fr Antony, Penelope Codner, Frances Shinkwin, Gill Flint, Joan Newbury.

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Agnes Helen Bellasis, Christine Lester, Madge and Denis de Freitas, Michael Connelly, Marie Carroll,  
*Requiescant in pace*

**SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
This week is the beginning of the annual week of prayer for Unity of Christians. To mark it, we are invited to a special service in St Thomas's Church, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be available following the service.

**SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK**  
The Church offers us a series of ancient feasts to contemplate in the Unity Week. **SS Fabian & Sebastian** (a Pope and a soldier from the 3<sup>rd</sup> century)) remind us that martyrs come from all levels of Christianity. Feast of **St Agnes** (a virgin martyr from 4<sup>th</sup> century) was once a very important festival in the calendar. The popes traditional bless lambs today whose wool will be used to make the white neck ornament (pallium) that archbishops wear when celebrating Mass on big occasions. **St Vincent** was a Spanish Deacon of the 4<sup>th</sup> century who was put to death in the last great persecution begun by an edict of Emperor Diocletian (284-305). **St Francis de Sales** became Bishop of Geneva in 1602. It was time a terrible religious turmoil and division in that city. By his gentle and yet thoroughly clear Catholic teaching he brought thousands back to the faith who had left the Church. One of his sayings was "A spoonful of honey is better than a barrelful of vinegar". **The Conversion of St Paul** concludes the week. A reminder that even the most hostile of opponents can become the most unlikely converts to the Christ and His truth.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**  
Teenagers of 13+ years not yet confirmed are eligible to receive the Sacrament this year, after instruction and preparation; which can be at home or –if there are sufficient numbers- at the church. Names and contact details by email, please, to Fr Antony.

**SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**  
Sat 18- feria  
6.00pm – Parish  
Sun 19- SECOND ORDINARY SUNDAY  
10.00am –  
11.30 –  
Mon – 20 – SS Fabian & Sebastian  
10.00am –  
Tue 21- St Agnes  
(no Mass today)  
Wed. 22- St Vincent  
(No Mass today)  
Thu- 23 – feria  
12.00 – (Woodcote)  
Fri – 24 – St Francis de Sales  
10.00-  
Sat 25 – Conversion of St Paul  
5.00 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, & Benediction  
6.00 pm – Parish  
Sun 26- THIRD ORDINARY SUNDAY  
10.00am –  
11.30am –  
Confessions may be heard from 11-11.30am and after 6pm Mass on Sat. Confessions at Woodcote on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of each month.

SUNDAY HYMNS
129
41
69
140

**From Fr Antony – I am out of hospital and back in the Presbytery. I am not well enough at present to offer a public Mass, but I hope with the medication I am taking that I will soon be able to do so. Please continue to pray for me as you have been doing and thank you for every sign of support and love that you have shown in these very trying months. We must pray to accept whatever God wills for us.**

The parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no 234216

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