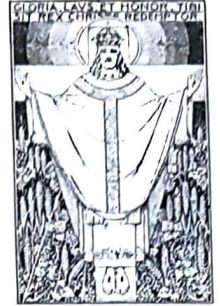




The Parish of Our Lady & St John & Christ the King



Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote

Parish Priest: Mgr. Antony Conlon PhD HEL

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PARISH NEWSLETTER: 1/12/19. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday Mass times	6.00pm (Sat)	10.00am	11.30(Woodcote)
Readers : 30/11-1/12	L Ellis	J & M Shinkwin	G McAdden
" 7-8/12	S Enright	MacIntosh Family	Hart Family
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group E (Goring)	Mrs Allen (Woodcote)	////////////////////
Counting/banking(next weekends)	1/12- D Browne	8/12- D Godley	15/12 -C Quinton

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 24/11/19 = £397.69. (Cash & Envs only. Thanks also to those who use SO & DD)

ANNIVERSARIES

Hilda Walsh, Michael McMahon,
Doris Gregory,
Requiescant in pace

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY -

at Langtree School in Woodcote on Wed. 11 December from 1.45pm to 4.00pm. (See poster in church porch for booking and reservation details).

CONGRATULATIONS and every blessing to the parents & family of Archie Joe Franklin, Baptised at OL&SJ last Sunday.

CHRISTMAS 2019

A Christmas card is available with the full timetable for Masses from Christmas Eve through till New Year's Day. Please take one for handy reference.

EMPTY COOKING DISHES NEEDING HOMES -A few pyrex and one ceramic dish remain to be collected. They are in the sacristy.

SO, WHO WAS ST BIRINUS?

From the early 400's AD the Roman troops withdrew and England was invaded by Saxons, Angles & Jutes. They were all fierce pagans when they arrived. Gradually converted. The name of Birinus, originally from Lombardy in Italy, is honoured as the missionary who carried out the conversion of the old Kingdom of Wessex which included this part of the country. He was sent by Pope Honorius I in 635. Cynegils, the King of Wessex accepted baptism from Birinus and allowed him to found a church and a diocese based at Dorchester. At the time it was a Romano-British town of some importance with both a road and river access for easy transport and travel. Birinus baptised many people and went on to found another church at Winchester which eventually replaced Dorchester as the seat of the Bishop.

FEAST OF ST BIRINUS THU 5TH DECEMBER

High Mass at 6.30pm in the parish church of Dorchester (which is dedicated to St Birinus).

CHANGE TO YEAR A FOR SUNDAY READINGS AT MASS

With the beginning of the Church's year in Advent, the Sunday Gospels come from St Matthew. His is the longest of the four that we have and emphasises Jesus as the new Moses.

SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 30 - St Andrew
5.00pm - *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction at 5.45pm.*
6.00pm - Colm Coghlan RIP
Sun 1 Dec. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10.00am -
11.30 - Parish
Mon 2 - feria
10.00am -
Tue 3 - St Francis Xavier
9.30am -
Wed 4 - feria
9.30am -
Thu 5 - St Birinus
12.00-
Fri 6 - St Nicholas
10.00-
Sat 7 - St Ambrose
5.00 - *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Benediction*
6.00 pm - Parish
Sun 8 Dec - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10am -
11.30am -
Confessions may be heard from 11-11.30am and after 6pm Mass on Sat. Confessions at Woodcote on 3rd Sat of each month.

SUNDAY HYMNS

62
129
493
256

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, David Goddard, Penelope Codner, & Frances Shinkwin.

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