



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



Goring - on - Thames & Woodcote

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## PARISH NEWSLETTER: 23/02/20. SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sunday Mass times	6.00pm (Sat)	10.00am	11.30(Woodcote)
Readers : 22-23/02	S & S Jones	MacIntosh Family	Mayer Family
" 29/02-1/03	M & M Lewis	Wheatley Family	Heath Family
Cleaning/Flowers next w/e	Group B(Goring)	F Preston (Woodcote)	////////////////////
Counting/banking(next weekends) 3	23/02 - C Gregory		

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: 16/02/20 = £529.21p Cash & Envs only. Thanks to DD and SO donations also, not included.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** —Patricia Burse, 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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR LIFE —THIS WEEKEND**  
There are few causes that are more urgent than the campaign to protect the life of the unborn. Publicity as well as legal challenges cost a great deal. Our donations help to fund this essential work.

**INTER-CHURCH GROUP REFLECTION DURING LENT**  
As usual, details on the table in church and a list to sign up. The booklet being used is on the theme of pilgrimage and costs £3.

**FAREWELL AND FUTURE BLESSING**  
In keeping with her usual un-fussy way of getting on with things, Rita Lonsdale, a long-time parishioner has quietly moved away to be with her family in Sussex. She will be known and remembered by many of the generation of Catholic children —now all adults —to whom she taught catechism over several decades. She had a great gift for clear understanding of the faith accompanied by a motherly and good-humoured manner of teaching and inspiring her young pupils. While remaining loyal to Woodcote she was sometimes to be found at Mass in one or other of the neighbouring churches. She is a truly marvellous lady who asked for nothing for herself but only opportunities to serve. May she enjoy many happy years in her new home.

### ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

This week we begin the most solemn season of the Church's year. It may be hard at times to keep that in mind over a six-week period, but we ought to do as much as we can not to let these weeks slip by unnoticed. Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three essential activities that should engage our efforts. The imposition of ashes on Wednesday is a kind of visible and tangible sign that we accept the need to focus more directly on the demands of our religion and how it affects our lives and relationships with others. Any activity that has a positive and beneficial affect can be usefully drawn into the pattern of our Lenten experience. Walking, visiting, tidying up and meeting-up can all be opportunities for reflection. They can be linked into the wider effort. At the same time, the Church seeks in the liturgy of the season to remind us where it all began and how our humanity was changed and dignified by the mystery of Our Lord's Passion, death and Resurrection. These events are not just historic memories of long ago. They are continually present through the Mass and the other Sacraments and affecting the lives of millions of Christians day by day. Holy Week is the supreme celebration of this and Lent leads directly to that. May we all have the most fruitful Lent and at Easter a renewed love of our faith in all its multiple aspects.

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Marco Troiani, Irene Caldon,  
*Requiescant in pace*

### SERVICES AND MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sat 22- Chair of St Peter  
6.00pm – Parish  
Sun 23 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR  
10.00am –  
11.30 –  
2.00pm – *Baptism of Raphael Robert Paul Bonnet* (Oratory School, St Joseph's Chapel)  
Mon – 24 - feria  
10.00am –  
1.00pm- *Eileen Nicholas RIP - Funeral Service*  
Tue – 25 - feria  
(No Mass today)  
Wed. 26 – **Ash Wednesday**  
10.00-  
12.00 – (Woodcote)  
Thu- 27 - feria  
12.00 – (Woodcote)  
Fri – 28 feria  
10.00-  
Sat 29 – feria  
6.00 pm – Parish  
Sun -1 March – **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
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**  
**686**  
**289**  
**293**  
**681**

### COFFEE SHOP AT WOODCOTE

We are hosting a fund-raising coffee morning in the Community Centre on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 10am to 12pm. Gifts & donations of small prizes and cakes etc. are needed for the day. Volunteer helpers needed too. Contact Fiona on 680508 for details and any help you can give.

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

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