

CAMBERLEY & BAGSHOT CATHOLIC PARISH

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18th & 25th December 2016	Sunday Readings: Year A	Weekday Readings: Year I
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What a difference one letter can make even to the smallest of words. Take "o" for example, arguably the shortest word (if a word at all) can be changed very subtly more powerfully by the addition of a "h" creating "oh". "O" is used before a word or name in direct address, especially in solemn or poetic language, to lend earnestness to an appeal and as an expression of surprise, longing and gladness. "Oh" on the other hand whilst used in a similar way, is used to express a range of panicky emotions including surprise, anger, disappointment, or disbelief. Whilst very similar they are very different, joyful expectation or fearful realisation.

Advent has now reached week four with a week to go until Christmas, and the focus of our readings and thoughts turn to the birth of Jesus Christ, as foretold by the prophets and announced by an angel. Today's Gospel reading tells us how Joseph reacted to the news that his betrothed, Mary, was with child. At first he was shocked, and whilst still loving Mary, decided to divorce her informally to avoid a scandal. However, the angel of the Lord was sent to enlighten Joseph's mind and explain that Mary had conceived by the Holy Spirit and was to give birth to the Christ.

For Joseph, his "oh" of despair, became an "o" of joy.

From the 17 December the antiphon for the Magnificat at Evening Prayer reflects this expectant joy by beginning with a different "o" proclamation until Christmas. These are known as the Advent "O"s and are the basis of the famous Advent carol "O come, o come Emmanuel". It is a reminder to us that Christmas is nearly here and that we should be ready to celebrate Christ's birth and more importantly to be ready for his return. For when Christ does return, we pray that our response to him will be not be "Oh Jesus, you're here" but rather "O Jesus, you're here".

Fr Alex

<p>Frs Andrew and Alex wish all parishioners a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year.</p>	<p>Giving</p> <p>The average weekly standing orders total £1091</p>
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Msza w języku polskim jest obchodzona co czwartą niedzielę miesiąca o godzinie 14:00 Wyznania w 1.30pm

Today (Sunday) come help us raise funds for the St Vincent de Paul society after the 9.30 Mass at St Tarcisius. As well as the usual refreshments with friends, you will be able to enjoy a Tombola, Bottle Stall, Cake Stall and a Lucky Dip for the children, there will also be the opportunity to win a Luxury Christmas Hamper in the Raffle. All proceeds will go to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

PARISH DIARY

18th Dec 4pm Service of Carols at SPJ
24th Dec 6pm Christmas Mass in Tamil, STAR
25th Dec 2pm Christmas Mass in Polish, STAR

Step by Step Christmas Gift Appeal
Last weekend to bring your gifts to Church. Gifts will be delivered to Step by Step in Aldershot on Monday 19th December. Thank you for your gifts.

Sat 17	17.30	Fourth Sunday in Advent	SS Peter & John	Naz Malik RIP
Sun 18	09.30 11.00 15.00 16.00	Fourth Sunday in Advent Fourth Sunday in Advent <i>Holy Hour</i> <i>Service of Carols</i>	St Tarcisius Christ the King St Tarcisius SS Peter & John	People of the Parish Intentions of Colleen & Peter Whittam
Mon 19	10.00	Weekday in Advent	Christ the King	Tom, Sally & Jean Nestor RIP
Tues 20	10.00	Weekday in Advent	St Tarcisius	Bishop Javier Echevarria RIP
Weds 21	10.00 19.30	<i>Holy Hour</i> Weekday in Advent <i>followed by Holy Hour</i>	St Tarcisius Christ the King	Int. of Mary and Jon Guinan Casey
Thurs 22	12.00	Weekday in Advent	SS Peter & John	Mark White RIP
Fri 23	10.00	Weekday in Advent	St Tarcisius	E & M Woodroffe RIP
Sat 24 Christmas Eve	16.00 17.30 18.00 21.30 21.30	Children's Christmas Night Children's Christmas Night Mass of Christmas Night in Tamil Service of Carols <i>followed by</i> Mass of Christmas Night Service of Carols <i>followed by</i> Mass of Christmas Night	Christ the King SS Peter & John St Tarcisius SS Peter & John St Tarcisius	Winifred Ryan RIP Mary Nolan RIP E C Twycross RIP Neville & Michael Lowe RIP
Sun 25 Christmas Day	09.30 11.00 14.00	Mass of Christmas Day Mass of Christmas Day Msza w języku polskim (możliwość spowiedzi przed Mszą)	St Tarcisius Christ the King St Tarcisius	Maureen O'Flaherty RIP 1 st Anniversary People of the Parish
Mon 26	10.00	St Stephen	Christ the King	Tom, Sally & Jean Nestor RIP
Tues 27	10.00	St John	St Tarcisius	TH & FWJ Galton RIP
Weds 28	10.00 19.30	<i>Holy Hour</i> The Holy Innocents <i>followed by Holy Hour</i>	St Tarcisius Christ the King	Dennis Learmont RIP
Thurs 29	12.00	St Thomas Becket	SS Peter & John	Mark White RIP
Fri 30	10.00	The Holy Family	St Tarcisius	G F Pauling RIP
Sat 31	10.00 17.30	Mass of the Christmas Octave Mary, the Holy Mother of God	SS Peter & John SS Peter & John	Deceased priests of A&B Diocese Neville & Michael Lowe RIP
Sun 1	09.30 11.00	Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mary, the Holy Mother of God	St Tarcisius Christ the King	Maureen O'Flaherty RIP 1 st Anniversary People of the Parish

Please Note

...there is no 10am Mass at SS Peter and John on Saturday 24th December and
...there is no Holy Hour at St Tarcisius on Sunday 25th December.
...the Parish Office is now closed and will reopen in January (date tbc).

Christmas Offering Priests do not receive a salary from the Diocese but are supported by the parish, principally via the Christmas and Easter Offerings. Fr Andrew and Fr Alex thank you for your support in the Christmas Offering this year. You may gift-aid your offering, the monies of which are returned to the parish.

Crib Collection Correction This year the monies raised from the Crib Collection will be sent to the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, who work to provide assistance to children in the Holy Land. In future years the Crib Collection will alternate between this charity and the Friends of the Holy Land.