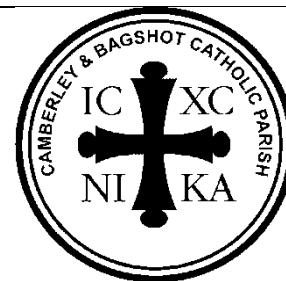


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11th December 2016

Sunday Readings: Year A

Weekday Readings: Year I

Sat	17.30	Third Sunday in Advent	SS Peter & John	People of the Parish
Sun	09.30	Third Sunday in Advent	St Tarcisius	Eileen & George McCormick RIP
	11.00	Third Sunday in Advent	Christ the King	Intentions of Josephine Couban
	15.00	<i>Holy Hour</i>	St Tarcisius	
Mon	10.00	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Christ the King	Intentions of David and Chrissy Torrence
	12.00	Funeral Service	SS Peter & John	Eileen Jenkins RIP
Tues	10.00	St Lucy	St Tarcisius	Private Intention
Weds	10.00	<i>Holy Hour</i>	St Tarcisius	
	19.30	St John of the Cross <i>followed by Holy Hour</i>	Christ the King	Paul Maher RIP
Thurs	12.00	Weekday in Advent	SS Peter & John	Welfare of Christians in the Holy Land
Fri	10.00	Weekday in Advent	St Tarcisius	Eileen Jenkins RIP
Sat	10.00	Weekday in Advent	SS Peter & John	Mark White RIP
	17.30	Fourth Sunday in Advent	SS Peter & John	Naz Malik RIP
Sun	09.30	Fourth Sunday in Advent	St Tarcisius	People of the Parish
	11.00	Fourth Sunday in Advent	Christ the King	Intentions of Colleen & Peter Whittam
	15.00	<i>Holy Hour</i>	St Tarcisius	

"Father, why are you wearing pink?" "I'm not, it is rose!"

Today is Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Gaudete means: "Rejoice", and comes from the introit for this Sunday in the Latin Mass: "*Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, Gaudete*" (Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice). Advent is of course a time of preparation and is seen as a penitential time, as Lent is to Easter. In fact, in the early Church Advent lasted six weeks and was known as St Martin's Lent.

Penitential seasons are marked often by fasting, but as we know that can be a challenge! So within these two seasons, a Sunday is set aside in the midst of the fasting, called a "Refreshment" Sunday. Sunday is not really considered a fasting day so why the refreshment? Originally, this special day was celebrated on the Thursday prior, which was the true half-way point though Lent, but this was eventually transferred to the Sunday following and this was mirrored in Advent.

We are also reminded by today's readings to be joyful as we await the coming of Our Lord and for Christmas. We are called to be joyful because there is an end in sight. But why the colour? Well nobody really knows, but probably when the Lenten/Advent vestments were made using the minimal amount of expensive purple dye, they started to fade to rose by this point and a connection was made to having a refresher (re- dye) Sunday. As for rose or pink, that's just down to good taste! *Fr Alex*

Confession

10.30 onwards	Saturday	SS Peter & John
16.45-17.15	Saturday	SS Peter & John
08.45-9.15	Sunday	St Tarcisius <i>on the sanctuary</i>
15.00-15.40	Sunday	St Tarcisius
19.10-19.25	Wednesday	Christ the King

Giving

The plate offertory last week was £684.36
The average weekly standing orders total £1091

Retiring Collection Today

Christmas Flowers

Inclusion Course Available for Clergy and Parishioners interested in learning British Sign language and Liturgical Signs in order to Communicate with Deaf People in our Churches and Parishes. Please contact Margaret Fraher for more information 01293 651196 or margaret.fraher@dabnet.org

Parish Advent Carol Service

Sunday 18th December at St Peter & St John commencing at 4pm. After carol singing there will be mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall. You may wish to come early since this family service has become increasingly popular in recent years.

Surrey Heath Singers are at High Cross Church in Camberley on Saturday December 17th, 7.30pm, singing Benjamin Britten's St. Nicolas, with choristers from Guildford Cathedral, followed by Christmas Carols.

Camberley Churches Together Invites you to a special carol service for all who have been bereaved at St Michael's Church, Camberley, Today - Sunday 11th December 2016 at 2.00pm

Step by Step Gift Appeal

Please bring the gifts to Mass and place them in the gift box at the back of the Church. Thank you.

Next Sunday - St Tarcisius Christmas Coffee

Morning in aid of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Come and Join your fellow parishioners for refreshments and the chance 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. Any donations for any of the stalls can be placed in the SVP Blue Box at the back of Church. Please label it for the St Tars Fundraiser. Thank you.

Office Hours Please note that the Parish Office will have limited opening hours during the rest of the Advent Season due to staff illness.

PARISH DIARY

12 th Dec	Talk on Our Lady at STAR 7.30pm
15 th Dec	Advent Reconciliation at Knaphill
16 th Dec	Advent Reconciliation at Woking
18 th Dec	4pm Service of Carols at SPJ
24 th Dec	6pm Christmas Mass in Tamil, STAR
25 th Dec	2pm Christmas Mass in Polish, STAR

Christmas Nativity Film

A lovely opportunity to spend time together watching a film on the true meaning of Christmas. Please come and join me to watch **The NATIVITY** at SPJ Hall on:- **Thursday morning 15 Dec 9.30 am** followed by Mass or **Friday Night 16 Dec at 8.00 pm** Refreshments served. Look forward to seeing you all Mary G-C

Crib Offerings This year, with the encouragement of Bishop Richard, this parish will be donating crib offerings to 'Friends of the Holy Land'. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing. FHL is apolitical and ecumenical. Please keep our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land in your prayers at this time.

TIMES OF SERVICES CHRISTMAS 2016

Saturday 24 December – Christmas Eve

- ❖ 4pm: Children's Christmas Eve Mass CTK
- ❖ 5.30pm: Children's Christmas Eve Mass SPJ
- ❖ 9.30pm: Service of Carols & Mass of Christmas Night at St Tarcisius.
- ❖ 9.30pm: Service of Carols & Mass of Christmas Night at St Peter & St John

Sunday 25 December – Christmas Day

- ❖ 09.30am Christmas Mass at St Tarcisius
- ❖ 11.00am Christmas Mass at Christ the King
- ❖ 2pm Mass in Polish St Tarcisius