Camberley and Bagshot Catholic Parish Newsletter

The Epiphany of the Lord

5th January 2025



WE ENCOUNTER JESUS - WE GROW TOGETHER IN HIS LOVE

Making disciples who encounter the saving love of Jesus Christ Growing together by being known, loved and supported Empowered by the Holy Spirit to worship, witness, and serve



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod..." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi

paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

Traditionally on the feast of Epiphany, we can bless our homes by writing the letters C, M, and B and the numbers of the year on either side — so this year it would look like "20+C+M+B+25." The letters stand for the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing "Christus mansionem benedicat," which means "May Christ bless this house."

The Readings of Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord Year C

Isaiah 60:1-6 "The glory of the Lord has risen upon you"

Psalm 72 ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH SHALL FALL PROSTRATE BEFORE YOU O LORD Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 It has now been realised that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of that promise

Matthew 2:1-12 We have come from the east to worship the King

GIFTS SURVEY We would love to hear about any **gifts, skills and talents** you wish to offer go to **Parish Gifts Survey · Church Suite Forms** or contact the parish office

Parish Timetable

Holy Mass is broadcast live on the Camberley & Bagshot Catholic Parish Facebook Page

Sat 4 th Jan	9.00am	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church	
Feria in Christmas	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church	Nigel Lury Ints
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The Epiphany of the	5.00pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church	
Lord	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church	Pam Munroe Ints
Sun 5 th Jan	9.15am	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church	People of the parish
The Epiphany of the	10.40am	Rosary at Christ the King Church	
Lord	11.15am	Sunday Mass at Christ the King Church	Clive Santamaria Ints
Monday 6th January	9.15am	Morning prayer Christ the King Church	
Feria after the Epiphany	9.30am	Holy Mass Christ the King Church	Vincente & Emilia RIP
	10.00am	Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament	
	6.00pm	Rosary on zoom	
Tuesday 7 th Jan	9.15am	Morning prayer St Tarcisius Church	
Feria after the Epiphany	9.30am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church	
Wed 8 th January	10am	Exposition of the Blessed sacrament until 12 noon St Tarcisius Church	
Thursday 9th January	12 noon	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church	Patricia Leslie RIP
Feria after the Epiphany			
Friday 10th January	9.15am	Morning prayer Ss Peter & John Church	
Feria after the Epiphany	9.30am	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church	
	7.30pm	Youth Club St Tarcisius Hall	
Sat 11th January	9.00am	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church	
Feria after the Epiphany	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church	
The Baptism of the	5.00pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church	
Lord	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church	Michael Grimes RIP
Sun 12 th Jan	9.15am	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church	Fr Tony Heerey RIP
The Baptism of the	10.40am	Rosary at Christ the King Church	
Lord	11.15am	Sunday Mass at Christ the King Church	People of the parish
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'My ChurchSuite' is a database system used by this parish. Parishioners can manage their own personal details and sign up for events through the ChurchSuite system. To register as a parishioner with this parish please enter your details using the following link https://cbparish.co.uk/cs-parishdatabase

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word, 25 January, 11am-4pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill. Join Bishop Richard for talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary, the Liturgy of the Word and preparing to minister as a reader; includes Lectio Divina & the celebration of Mass. If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Christina Gerrard E: formation@abdiocese.org.uk

Trinity Troopers Youth Club - (Children in school years 4-7)

Next meets Friday 10th January 7.30pm – 8.45pm at St Tarcisius Church hall.

The Youth Club meets every second Friday of the Month £1 entrance.

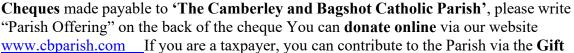
New members welcome - Parents should contact Fr Paul for more details.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, Frimley, is running a youth club for ages 12-14 (Years 7 to 9 at school) in the church hall. *This Youth Club meets every third Friday of the Month.* Contact Christiana via email at omakolo@yahoo.com or mobile - 07885 593400.

Financial Giving

Monthly Standing Orders can be set up using online banking or by writing to your bank Bank: HSBC Account name: RCD A&B Camberley & Bagshot Parish Account

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Aid scheme. To obtain Gift Aid Envelopes please contact Stana Juvan: stana m@hotmail.com

Praying the Scriptures, 25 January, 10am-4pm, The House of Prayer, East Molesey, KT8 0PB (Cost: £35). Led by Canon Peter Sills, this day retreat will be a prayerful exploration of the evolving story of the Bible. Getting under the skin of the Bible, we see how ideas of hope and destiny, faith and morality developed alongside changes in life and experience. Click here to book

Admission to St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Frimley - September 2025

Our school is linked to the Catholic Churches in Frimley, Camberley and Bagshot. We are also a named feeder school for two outstanding Catholic Secondary Schools - All Hallows (Farnham) and St. John the Baptist (Woking). To find out more about the school and to arrange a visit contact the school office on 01276 709099

Parish Events

Sat 11th/Sun 12th January First Holy Communion sessions Tuesday 14th January 7.30pm Confirmation Session at 11 Bell Place Monday 27th Jan 7.30pm **Parish Liturgy Group meeting at Ss Peter & John Hall**

Baptisms

Elizabeth Thomas: Sunday 19th January 1.30pm at St Tarcisius Church William Jude O'Shea: Sunday 16th March 1.30pm at St Tarcisius Church Jasmine Jayne Pais: Sunday 27th April 1.30pm at St Tarcisius Church

Parents wanting their children to be baptised should contact the parish office to find out about the next preparation course which will take place in February

Funerals

Requiem Mass for Paddy McDonald RIP Tuesday 21st January 11am at Ss Peter & John Church Requiem Mass for **Kenneth Fudge RIP** Thursday 23rd January 12 noon at Ss Peter & John Church

Many Hands Make Light Work – We are doing a "sping clean" of the Ss Peter and John Church storage spaces on the 7th and 8th January It doesn't matter if you can't carry heavy items, if you are willing to take old paint to the tip, or help load up a skip, we would be very greatful of your time and energy. Please let the office know if you can lend a hand, and just turn up on the day.

Thank you to everyone who are prepared our churches and led the liturgies for the Christmass Masses. Thank you also for your kind wishes, gifts and cards for the Christmas season. My best wishes for the New Year Fr Paul



Sycamore is a welcoming space where you can meet others, share ideas and explore the big questions of life and faith. Each session includes a short, engaging film and time for SYCAMORE open and meaningful discussion. Whether you're continuing your journey after completing Alpha, seeking to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith or simply

curious about what it means to live a life of faith, then Sycamore is for you! Sycamore is also a continuing step for adults preparing for Baptism or Confirmation into the Catholic Church.

Our next Zoom based Sycamore will run from 8:00pm to 9:30pm every Thursday from 16 January to 27 March 2025 except during the school half-term on Thursday 20 February. Please sign up here on ChurchSuite https://camberleybagshotcatholicparish.churchsuite.com/events/inbp3mw9 or contact the Parish Office at camberleyandbagshot@abdiocese.org.uk or 01276 473525

Volunteers Needed – **Marriage Care** has a counsellor working at SPJ on Tuesday Evenings. One of the Chaperones has stepped down and a replacement is needed to join the rota - just to be on the premises in another room for about 2.5hrs. If you can help please contact Fran Batt on 07855 584093.

Fundraising Event for Connect Counselling Service

QUINTESSENTIALLY WIND AFTERNOON CONCERT Saturday 18th January, 3pm St Anne's Church, Bagshot 45 Church Road, GU19 5EQ Join us for tea, cake and a concert of light classics, jazz, show and film music! Free admission, please give generously. All proceeds go to Connect Counselling service.

Rethinking Abortion, 8 February, 10.30-4.30pm, The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. An interactive day presented by March for Life, with a series of educational sessions aimed at equipping participants to deal with real-life scenarios and talk about abortion with those around them in a meaningful way. Click here to register your free place.

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Year of Jubilee 2025 The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". There will be events organised by the Diocese and the Woking Deanery during 2025. The details will be advertised in the newsletter.



Prayer for the Jubilee year "Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within

both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever." Amen

A Day of Reflection, 11 January, 9.30am-4pm, Ladywell Franciscan Centre, Godalming, GU7 1ST (Cost: £25). A day of renewal, inspiration and fellowship in a warm and inviting atmosphere. The theme of the day is hope, offering insights that promote spiritual growth and unity. Attendees can look forward to a comforting mix of input, prayer, conversation and personal space for reflection. To find out more https://franciscancentre.org.uk/upcoming-events/

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