

**Camberley and Bagshot Catholic  
Parish Newsletter**  
**Third “Gaudete” Sunday of Advent**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December 2024**



**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



This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his

listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called **Gaudete Sunday**. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

**The Readings of Mass for third Sunday of Advent Year C**

**Zephaniah 3:14-18a**

The Lord will exult over you with loud singing

**Isaiah ;**

SHOUT ALOUD AND SING PRAISE FOR GREAT IN YOUR MIDST  
IS THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL

**Philippians 4:4-7**

The Lord is at Hand

**Luke 3:10-18**

What shall we do?

**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](#)

<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>St John of the Cross</i>	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Catherine Higgins Intentions</i> <i>Followed by Tree Decorating at St Tarcisius</i>
<b>Third “Gaudete” Sunday of Advent Year C</b>	----- 5.00pm 5.30pm	----- Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Third “Gaudete” Sunday of Advent Year C</b>	9.15am 10.40am 11.15am  4.00pm	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>David McGill RIP</i> Rosary at Christ the King Church <i>Margaret Kinsella RIP</i> Sunday Mass at Christ the King Church  <b>PARISH CAROL SERVICE at St Peter and St John</b> <b>Refreshments to follow in the hall</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Third week in Advent</i>	9.15am 9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Morning prayer Christ the King Church Holy Mass Christ the King Church <i>Derek Vaughan RIP</i> Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament Rosary on zoom
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Greater Advent “O Sapientia”</i>	9.15am 9.30am	Morning prayer St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Annice Graig RIP</i>
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Greater Advent “O Adonai”</i>	10am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon St Tarcisius Church
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Greater Advent “O Radix Jesse”</i>		<i>No Mass today as Fr Paul is away at a family funeral</i>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>Greater Advent “O Clavis David”</i>	9.15am 9.30am  7.00pm	Morning prayer Ss Peter & John Church Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Barry Arathon RIP</i>  <b>Service of Reconciliation Ss Peter &amp; John Church</b>
<b>Sat 21st Dec</b> <i>Greater Advent “O Oriens”</i> <b>4th Sunday of Advent Year C</b>	9.00am 10.00am ----- 5.00pm 5.30pm	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>John Candor RIP</i> ----- Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>James Munroe RIP</i>
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> <b>4th Sunday of Advent Year C</b> <i>“Rex Gentium”</i>	9.15am 10.40am 11.15am	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Neil MacDonald RIP</i> Rosary at Christ the King Church Sunday Mass at Christ the King Church <i>People of the parish</i>

‘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>



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

Next meets **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 number: 31077368 Sort code: 40 05 20**



Cheques made payable to 'The Camberley and Bagshot Catholic Parish', please write "Parish Offering" on the back of the cheque You can **donate online** via our website [www.cbparish.com](http://www.cbparish.com)

If you are a taxpayer, you can contribute to the Parish via the **Gift Aid scheme**. To **obtain** Gift Aid Envelopes please contact **Stana Juvan: [stana\\_m@hotmail.com](mailto:stana_m@hotmail.com)**

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## Christmas Masses

### Tues 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas eve

- 4pm Christmas Vigil Mass at Christ the King Church
- 6.15pm Christmas Vigil Mass at Ss Peter & John Church
- 9.30pm Carols followed by the Christmas Night Mass at St Tarcisius Church

### Wed 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day

- 9.15am Christmas Day Mass at St Tarcisius Church
- 11.15am at Christ the King at Christ the King Church

**CAFOD SOUP LUNCH** Thank you to everyone who came along to the CAFOD Soup Lunch last Thursday at SS Peter & John Hall, £316 was raised for CAFODs work in war torn Sudan. To find out more about the work of CAFOD go to <https://cafod.org.uk>

**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). We know that all children are unique and by working in partnership with you, we want them to reach their full potential and discover all their gifts and talents! To find out more and to tour the school please contact the school office on 01276 709099

### Parish Events in January

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 12 noon **New Years Day Mass** (Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God)

*followed by a shared lunch at Ss Peter & John Church*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>/Sun 12<sup>th</sup> January **First Holy Communion sessions**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm **Confirmation Session** at 11 Bell Place

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm **Parish Liturgy Group meeting** at Ss Peter & John Hall

### Baptisms

Elizabeth Thomas: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1.30pm at St Tarcisius Church

William Jude O'Shea ; Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 1.30pm at St Tarcisius Church

Jasmine Jayne Pais: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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*



**Love Christmas** - Your wonderful gifts were distributed to our local schools, SVP and Hope Hub earlier last week. Fr Paul will pop the photo's on Facebook over the weekend. Your generosity really has made a big difference to so many families and as helpers we feel great joy being able to facilitate this giving by packing your gifts of Love into bags of Joy ready for the families to receive. Thank you.



**Jubilee for Youth: Pilgrims of Hope, 28 July-4 August 2025, Rome**, A pilgrimage for young adults (18-30) in city of Rome on the theme of hope. Including flights, travel half-board hotel and entry to events, the Diocese is offering this trip for only £995pp. the initial, non-refundable deposit is £195, payable upon booking. The remaining payment can be made in 4 instalments before the end of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025. If you have any questions, please

contact [Lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk). Thank you.

**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](mailto:formation@abdiocese.org.uk)



Our Parish is part of the **Divine Renovation Network** which “exists to inspire, connect, and equip priests and their parishes to go from maintenance to mission – for every Catholic parish to be a place where people can come and have their lives transformed by entering into relationship with Jesus. If

you would like to know more about the work of Divine Renovation go to <https://divinerenovation.org/united-kingdom>



**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 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 ( Sandie if you can create a duplicate of this entry -

> <https://camberleybagshotcatholicparish.churchsuite.com/events/inbp3mw9> with the revised dates above ) or contact the Parish Office at [camberleyandbagshot@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:camberleyandbagshot@abdiocese.org.uk) or 01276 473525

**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.

[https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/f2hs0gqv?ct=t\(EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2\\_17\\_2022\\_14\\_56\\_COPY\\_02\)&mc\\_cid=9598729398&mc\\_eid=1f942c9333](https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/f2hs0gqv?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_17_2022_14_56_COPY_02)&mc_cid=9598729398&mc_eid=1f942c9333)

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