

**Camberley and Bagshot Catholic
Parish Newsletter**
Second Sunday of Advent
8th 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 week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider **John the Baptist** and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

The Readings of Mass for 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C

Baruch 5:1-9 God will show your splendour

Psalm 126(125) WHAT GREAT DEEDS THE LORD WORKED FOR US. INDEED WE WERE GLAD

Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 To be pure and blameless for the day of Christ

Luke 3:1-6 All flesh shall see the salvation of God

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 7th Dec <i>St Ambrose</i>	9.00am 10.00am -----	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Fiona Dunna Intentions</i> -----
Second Sunday of Advent Year C	5.00pm 5.30pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Daisy & Ellie Intentions</i>
Sunday 8th December Second Sunday of Advent Year C	9.15am 10.40am 11.15am	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Eladia & Themistocles Dias RIP</i> Rosary at Christ the King Church Sunday Mass at Christ the King Church <i>People of the parish</i> <i>Retiring collection for the flowers decorations over Christmas</i>
Monday 9th Dec <i>The Immaculate</i> <i>Conception of the BVM</i>	9.15am 9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Morning prayer Christ the King Church Holy Mass Christ the King Church Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament Rosary on zoom
Tues 10th Dec <i>2nd week in Advent</i>	9.15am 9.30am	Morning prayer St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Alem Woldermarion & Harold Ware Int</i>
Wed 11th Dec	10am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon St Tarcisius Church
Thurs 12th Dec <i>2nd week in Advent</i>	12 noon	Holy Mass at Ss Peter & John Church <i>Reilly & Noonan Families RIP</i> <i>CAFOD Soup Lunch in the hall to follow</i>
Friday 13th Dec <i>St Lucy</i>	9.15am 9.30am 7.30pm	Morning prayer Ss Peter & John Church Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Pat Conroy Intentions</i> Youth Club at St Tarcisius Hall
Sat 14th Dec <i>St John of the Cross</i> Third “Gaudete” Sunday of Advent Year C	9.00am 10.00am ----- 5.00pm 5.30pm	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Catherine Higgins Intentions</i> <i>Followed by Tree Decorating at 11am St Tarcisius</i> ----- Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 15th December Third “Gaudete” Sunday of Advent Year C	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 PARISH CAROL SERVICE at St Peter and St John <i>Refreshments to follow in the hall</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 13th December** 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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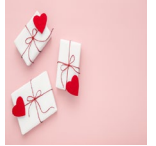
Cheques made payable to 'The Camberley and Bagshot Catholic Parish', please write "Parish Offering" on the back of the cheque You can **donate online** via our website www.cbparish.com

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

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Love Christmas Sunday 8th Dec is the Last Day for Love Christmas
Gifts to be handed in to any of our churches. Thank you.



Advent and Christmas Dates

Saturday 14th December 1.30pm **Churches Together Carol Singing** at the at Camberley Main Square

Sunday 15th Dec 4pm **Parish Carol Service** followed by minced pies and mulled wine at Ss Peter & John

Friday 20th December 7pm **Service of Reconciliation** at Ss Peter & John Church

Tues 24th 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 25th December Christmas Day

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

Deacon Simon Tierney "Homily Feedback - As part of his ongoing formation, if you can provide anonymous feedback regarding the homily which Deacon Simon preached over the weekend of Sunday 01/Dec please. The link -> <https://bit.ly/241201Evaluation> includes a recording and transcript of the homily."

Charity Collections Each year there is an opportunity for the Parish to support a small number of charities nominated by parishioners. If you would like to suggest a charity, please send its details as soon as possible to Sandie in the Parish Office. These charities will then be considered by the Parish Charities Committee, who will decide which ones should be allocated a weekend. The Chair of the PCC is Roger Woodham.



There will be a **Cafod soup lunch after the 12.00 Mass on Thursday 12th December**. Plenty of home made heart warming soup with bread and cheese and great company. An opportunity for you to contribute to the relief effort for the millions of refugees in Sudan."

Advent Quiet Morning "What must we do?", 13 December, 10am-12.30pm, The House of Prayer, East Molesey (Suggested donation: £10). An invitation to step aside from the pre-Christmas rush and spend some time reflecting on the wonder and mystery of God's coming amongst us. The House of Prayer 35 Seymour Road East Molesey admin@christian-retreat.org 020 8941 2313

Clothes Donations for Refugees - Donna Leech 07973 309915.

The refugee's Donna has been working with are very short of men's clothes. If you have men's clothing in good condition, please let her know. She is hoping we can get regular collections going & will start this request with men's t-shirts and trainers for December. If you can help with donations, Please drop these in the blue box at CTk. Contact Donna if you have any queries, text or WhatsApp me so that I can get back to you more easily."

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



Local Christians will be getting together to sing **Carols in the Square** in Camberley from 1.30pm (for an hour) next Saturday 14th December. Fr Paul will be taking part. If you wish to join in and bring some Christmas cheer just turn up!

Wednesday 1st 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 5th January **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

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 ; Saturday 15th February 11am 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



Mass Books and Daily Readings – If you would like to read the Daily Mass Readings without a Mass book, please follow this link to access Universalis, this is a wonderful free service.

<https://universalis.com/europe.england.arundel/mass.htm>

Families Christmas Tree Decoration event 11am at St Tarcisius – All are welcome to come and join us decorating the Tree at St Tarcisius next Saturday 14th December. We have lights and baubles and if child would like to bring a homemade decoration to hang on the tree, they are most welcome. All Santa's helpers will be rewarded with a hot cocoa and candy cane for their valiant work. (*Cocoa Contains Dairy*).



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



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.” Divine Renovation

is currently connected with around 500 UK parishes. If you would like to know more about the work of Divine Renovation go to <https://divinerenovation.org/united-kingdom>

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