

**Camberley and Bagshot Catholic
Parish Newsletter**
Fourth Sunday of Advent
22nd 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



On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and I pray that that the forthcoming season brings you joy and blessings from the Lord

Fr Paul

The Readings of Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

Micah 5:2-5a From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel

Psalms 80 BRING US BACK O GOD, LET YOUR FACE SHINE FORTH AND WE SHALL BE SAVED

Hebrews 10:5-10 Behold, I have come to do your will

Luke 1:39-45 Why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

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 21st Dec <i>Greater Advent “ O Oriens”</i> 4th Sunday of Advent Year C	9.00am	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church
	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>John Candor RIP</i>

	5.00pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>James Munroe RIP</i>
Sun 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent Year C <i>“Rex Gentium”</i>	9.15am	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Neil MacDonald RIP</i>
	10.40am	Rosary at Christ the King Church
	11.15am	Sunday Mass at Christ the King Church <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 23rd Dec <i>Greater Advent “O Emmanuel”</i>	9.15am	Morning prayer Christ the King Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass Christ the King Church <i>Joe Sleator RIP</i>
	10.00am	Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament
	6.00pm	Rosary on zoom
Tuesday 24th Dec Christmas eve	9.15am	Morning prayer St Tarcisius Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church
THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS		
Tuesday 24th Dec Christmas night	4.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass at Christ the King Church Bagshot <i>Holy Souls</i>
	6.15pm	Christmas Vigil Mass at SS Peter & John Church <i>Looby Family Ints</i>
	9.30pm	Carol Service followed by Christmas Night Mass at St Tarcisius
Wed 25th Dec Christmas Day	9.15am	Christmas Mass at St Tarcisius Church <i>Abraham & Mary Aleagwu RIP</i>
	11.15am	Christmas Mass at Christ the King Church <i>The Christmas Mass collection is your personal gift to Fr Paul</i>
Thurs 26th Dec <i>St Stephen The First Martyr</i>	12 noon	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>John, Mary & Sean Barrett RIP</i>
Friday 27th Dec St John Apostle and Evangelist	9.15am	Morning prayer Ss Peter & John Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Maureen Noonan Intentions</i>
Sat 28th Dec <i>The Holy Innocents</i> The Holy Family	9.00am	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church
	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Mary & Willie Kelly Int</i>

	5.00pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Jim & Jill Noonan RIP</i>
Sun 29th December The Holy family	9.15am	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Blanche & Stanley Sumpter RIP</i>
	10.40am	Rosary at Christ the King Church
	11.15am	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>

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 Janaury** 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 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

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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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 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: 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

Many Hands Make Light Work – We are doing a “spring 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 grateful of your time and energy. Please let the office know if you can lend a hand, and just turn up on the day.

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

QUINTESENTIALLY 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.

 **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 <https://camberleybagshotcatholicparish.churchsuite.com/events/inbp3mw9> or contact the Parish Office at 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.

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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

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