

**Camberley and
Bagshot Catholic
Parish Newsletter**

**First Sunday of
Advent Year B**

3rd December 2023



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.



Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

The Church teaches that "when the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating John the Baptist's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: 'He must increase, but I must decrease'." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 524)

The Advent wreath, with the progressive lighting of its four candles is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ's coming and a symbol of the prophetic light gradually illuminating the long night prior to the rising of the Sun of justice (cf. Mal 3, 20; Lk 1, 78). Customarily the Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles. According to tradition, three of the candles are violet and the fourth is rose. However, four violet or white candles may also be used. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, for this colour anticipates and symbolises the Christmas joy announced in the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice" (Gaudete).

We have produced an **Advent at Home prayer sheet** which is available in the church entrances and has been emailed out with this Sunday newsletter. The ideas have been taken from the website **CELEBRATE@Home — CELEBRATE Trust**. Please check out the website for many more ideas for prayer at home

The readings for First Sunday Advent Year A

Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8 O that you would tear the heavens open and come down

Psalms 79(80) GOD OF HOSTS BRING US BACK LET YOUR FACE SHINE UPON US AND WE SHALL BE SAVED

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed"

Mark 13:33-37 "If he comes unexpectedly he must not find you sleep"

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 2nd Dec <i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration, Confessions, and Rosary St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Margaret Masters Intentions</i>
First Sunday of Advent year B	5.00pm 5.30pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Christians in the Holy Land</i>
Sunday 3rd Dec First Sunday of Advent year B	9.15am 11.15am 2pm	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Blanche & Stanley Sumpter RIP</i> Holy Mass Christ the King Church <i>People of the Parish</i> Wreath Making St Tarcisius Hall
Monday 4th Dec <i>First 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>Eric Carroll Intentions</i> Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament Live streamed Rosary
Tues 5th Dec <i>First week in Advent</i>	9.15am 9.30am	Morning Prayer St Tarcisius Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church
Wed 6th Dec <i>First week in Advent</i>	10am – 12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St Tarcisius Church
Thursday 7th Dec <i>St Ambrose</i>	12 noon	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Narsay Rassam RIP</i>
Friday 8th Dec <i>The Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i>	12 noon 7.30pm	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Followed by soup lunch for CAFOD in the hall</i> Youth Club at St Tarcisius Hall
Sat 9th Dec <i>1st week in Advent</i>	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration, Confessions, and Rosary St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Neil McDonald RIP</i>
2nd Sunday of Advent year B	5.00pm 5.30pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Maris Sanchez Intentions</i>
Sunday 10th Dec Second Sunday of Advent year B	9.15am 11.15am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Blanche & Stanley Sumpter RIP</i> Holy Mass Christ the King Church <i>People of the Parish</i> Retiring collection 9/10 th December Christmas Flowers

'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>

The Christmas story at Wintershall, 13-18 December (Bramley Surrey GU5 0LR) The Wintershall Nativity Journey is an unforgettable experience, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life for the whole family, walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey on the winding, steep road to Bethlehem. Each performance lasts approximately 90 minutes. For more information <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/our-events>



Financial Giving to the Parish

- 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 and send to the Parish Office.
- You can even donate on line via our website www.cbparish.co.uk
- Or by using the Dona contactless card machine in St Tarcisius Church.
- If you are a taxpayer, you can contribute to the Parish via the **Gift Aid scheme**. Roger Woodham on 01276 29037.
- **If you are a Gift Aid envelope user and have run out of envelopes**, please call Roger Woodham on 01276 29037 or email him on roger.woodham@virginmedia.com for a fresh supply



We are supporting for the 3rd year running the **Love Christmas** campaign and will be delivering your **Bags of Kindness** to those who are housebound or families in need of Christmas cheer. Please take a **Gift Tag** from the **Jesse Trees** and purchase the gift

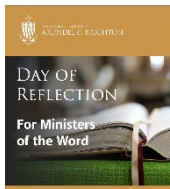
on the tag; we have given some examples for the gift packs. Once you have purchased your gift, please return it **Unwrapped** to the church at the Sunday Mass or take it to the parish office between 9-2pm Monday to Friday. Thankyou.



- **Last day for Donations – Sunday 11th December at the latest.**

This will allow time for gifts to be delivered to schools before they close for Christmas.

The Wreath Making Workshop – Sunday 3rd Dec is now fully booked.



Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word, 20 January, 11-4pm at Sacred Heart Church, Cobham. Join Bishop Richard for a day of reflection and formation for Ministers of the Word; the day includes Lectio Divina and Mass with talks on Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy of the Word, the Lectionary, and the practical aspects of the ministry. Please register using your free place here.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 18th December **Service of Reconciliation** at Ss Peter & John Church 7.00pm

Sunday 17th December **Carol Service** at Ss Peter & John Church 4.00pm

M3 Closure The M3 will be closed between Jn3 (Bagshot) and Jn4 (Camberley) in both directions **from 9pm on Friday 8th to 6am Monday 11th December**, to remove the faulty footbridge. As a result, the A30 between those 2 Junctions will be the diversionary route and will be **extremely busy**. Please allow extra time to get to/from Mass that weekend.

The next “**Prayer for Camberley**” gathering is on **Tuesday 12th December** at **St Michaels Church Hall** (London Road) 7.45pm refreshments for 8.00pm start. You are invited to join Christians from the local churches to pray that many people in our area will come to know Jesus during this Advent time.



“*How the encounter with faith is a turning point for many in the prison system*” a talk with Marie Norbury from Pact, 17 January, 7pm-8.30pm at St Dunstan's Catholic Church, Woking. The Guildford & District Knights of St Columba invite you to a talk exploring how the discovery and deepening of faith amongst prisoners can make a life changing and positive difference to them and their families. Click here to register your place. Contact: guildfordknightsfstcolumba@gmail.com

Thank you to **Tani Shreeve** who recently raised £650 through her prayer walks to celebrate her 80th birthday. Tani writes “I would like to express my thanks and good wishes to everyone for your cards and good wishes on my 80th birthday. ...May our heavenly Father in all His goodness shower you with His love and blessings abundantly. I pray in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus.”



Trinity Troopers Youth Club - (Children in school years 4-7) Meets Friday 8th December 7.30pm – 8.45pm at St Tarcisius Church hall. £1 entrance. New members welcome - Parents should contact Fr Paul for more details.

Fr Martin Devenish of the Comboni Missionaries has written to thank the parish for the £896.988 that was raised from his **mission appeal** at the beginning of September. “*We are very conscious of the fact that without people like your good parishioners we would be able to achieve precious little for our more disadvantaged sister and brothers in Africa, Latin America and Asia. Pope Pius XI said that those who help an apostle will receive the reward of an apostle; be assured that the Lord may reward them as only He can*”.



The **crib collection** during the Christmas season will be for the **Catholic Childrens Society's A&B Crisis Fund**. Fr Michael Daley of the Catholic Childrens Society writes “*Every penny donated will be given out via the Crises Fund to support local families in need. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website www.cathchild.org.uk/crib*”

Masses for the Christmas Weekend

Saturday 23rd December

5.30pm Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent at SS Peter and John Church

Sunday 24th December

9.15am Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent at St Tarcisius Church

There will be no Sunday 11.15am Mass at Christ the King Church

Christmas eve Sunday 24th December

4pm Vigil Mass for Christmas at Christ the King Bagshot

6.15pm Vigil Mass for Christmas at SS Peter & John Church

9.30pm Carol Service followed by Christmas Night Mass at St Tarcisius Church

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

9.15am Christmas Day Mass at St Tarcisius Church

11.15 Christmas Day Mass at Christ the King Church

Ss Peter & John Church 1 Caesars Camp Road, Camberley GU15 4ED

St Tarcisius Church 277 London Road Camberley GU15 3EY

Christ the King Church Guildford Road Bagshot GU195LE

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