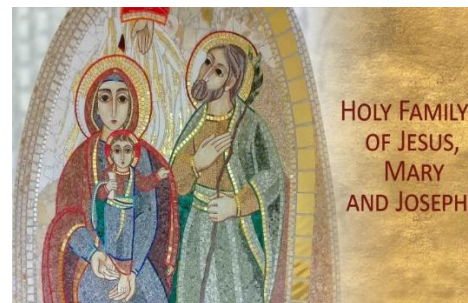


Camberley and Bagshot Catholic Parish Newsletter

Feast of the Holy Family Year C

29th 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

And He said to them,
"Why is it that you
were looking for Me?
Did you not know
that I had to be in My
Father's house?"
Luke 2:49

Today we celebrate the **feast of the Holy Family**. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

Pope Francis in a sermon for the Epiphany of the Lord said *"At the end of the Magi's journey came the climactic moment: once they arrived at their destination, "they fell down and worshiped the Child" ...Let us we never forget this: the journey of faith finds renewed strength and fulfilment only when it is made in the presence of God. "Like the Magi, let us lift up our eyes, listen to the desire lodged in our hearts, and follow the star that God makes shine above us. As restless seekers, let us remain open to God's surprises. Let us dream, let us seek and let us adore."*

The Readings of Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 *"Samuel, as long as he lives, is lent to the Lord."*

Psalm 84 BLESSED ARE THEY WHO DWELL IN YOUR HOUSE O LORD

1 John 3:1-2,21-24 We are children of God and so we are.

Luke; 41_52 Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers

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 28th Dec <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9.00am	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church
	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Mary & Willie Kelly Int</i>
The Holy Family	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>
Monday 30th Dec <i>Octave of Christmas</i>	9.15am	Morning prayer Christ the King Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass Christ the King Church
	10.00am	Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament
	6.00pm	Rosary on zoom
Tuesday 31st Dec <i>Octave of Christmas</i>	9.15am	Morning prayer St Tarcisius Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church
Wed 1st Jan 25 Mary the Mother of God	12 noon	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John church <i>Antonette Kandela & Parents RIP</i> <i>Followed by a shared lunch to celebrate the New Year in the hall</i>
Thursday 2nd Jan		NO MASS
Friday 3rd Jan Feria in Christmas	9.15am	Morning prayer Ss Peter & John Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Tim Rackshaw Ints</i>
Sat 4th Jan Feria in Christmas	9.00am	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church
	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Nigel Lury Ints</i>
The Epiphany of the Lord	5.00pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Pam Munroe Ints</i>
Sun 5th Jan The Epiphany of the Lord	9.15am	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>People of the parish</i>
	10.40am	Rosary at Christ the King Church
	11.15am	Sunday Mass at Christ the King Church <i>Clive Santamaria Ints</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). 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 "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.

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

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.

[https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/f2hs0gqv?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_17_2022_14_56_COP_Y_02\)&mc_cid=9598729398&mc_eid=1f942c9333](https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/f2hs0gqv?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_17_2022_14_56_COP_Y_02)&mc_cid=9598729398&mc_eid=1f942c9333)

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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