

**Camberley and
Bagshot Catholic
Parish Newsletter**
**Epiphany of the
Lord**
7th January 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.

The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates when Jesus Christ was revealed as the Messiah. The Gospel of Matthew recounts that three wise men from the East visited our saviour after his birth and acknowledged him with gifts representing kingship, priesthood, and death. The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a saviour.

Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. The Magi’s journey to find Jesus symbolizes the spiritual journey of seeking truth and the need for persistent faith and commitment in the search for divine revelation. The guidance of the Magi by a star and their divine warning in a dream highlights God’s active role in guiding and protecting those who seek Him. Gift-Giving and Sacrifice: The gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh brought by the Magi to Jesus symbolize the act of giving to God our best and acknowledging His sovereignty in our lives.

The readings for Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6: *Above you the glory of the Lord appears*

Psalm 71(72) ALL NATIONS SHALL FALL PROSTRATE BEFORE YOU O LORD

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 It has now been revealed that the pagans share the same inheritance

Matthew 2:1-12 The Visit of the Magi

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 6th Jan <i>6th day of Christmas</i>	9.00am	Adoration, Confessions, and Rosary St Tarcisius Church
	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Julia Chappel RIP</i>
Epiphany of the Lord	5.00pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church
	5.30pm	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 7th Jan Epiphany of the Lord	9.15am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Armenian People Intentions</i>
	11.15am	Holy Mass Christ the King Church Bagshot <i>Carroll Family's Ints</i>
There will be a Second Collection for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem to support those affected by the conflict in the Holy Land.		
Mon 8th January <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	9.15am	Morning prayer Christ the King Church
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Tues 9th January Week 1 ord. time	9.15am	Morning prayer St Tarcisius Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church
Wed 10th Jan	10am -12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St Tarcisius Church
Thurs 11th Jan Week 1 ord. time	12 noon	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church
Fri 12th Jan Week 1 ord. time	9.15am	Morning Prayer Ss Peter & John Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Peter MacDonald RIP</i>
	7.30pm	Youth Club at St Tarcisius Hall
Sat 13th January <i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	9.00am	Adoration, Confessions, and Rosary St Tarcisius Church
	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Dalaney Family RIP</i>
2nd Sunday in Ordinary time	5.00pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church
	5.30pm	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>People of parish</i>
Sunday 14th Jan 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time	9.15am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>John O'Brien's Relatives RIP</i>
	11.15am	Holy Mass Christ the King Church Bagshot
There will be a retiring collection for Marys Meals		

'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>

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 4th February 24 **Pancake Sunday** 3pm in St Tarcisius Church Hall
 Thursday 11th January 7.30pm **CAFOD Meeting at SPJ Hall, all welcome**
 Sat 13th/Sun 14th January **First Holy Communion preparation sessions**
 Tuesday 16th January 7.30pm **Confirmation preparation session** at 11 Bell Place Bagshot
 Tuesday 23rd January 7.30pm **Liturgy Group Meeting** Ss Peter & John Hall
 Tuesday 30th January 7.45pm **Prayer for Camberley gathering** at St Marys Church Camberley
 Wednesday 14th February **Ash Wednesday**

Subject to completion of his formation and acceptance by Bishop Richard Moth, we have a provisional date of Thursday 18/Jul/2024 at 7pm for the **Ordination of Simon Tierney** to the **Permanent Diaconate** at St. Tarcisius Church. Additional details will follow closer to the date.

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

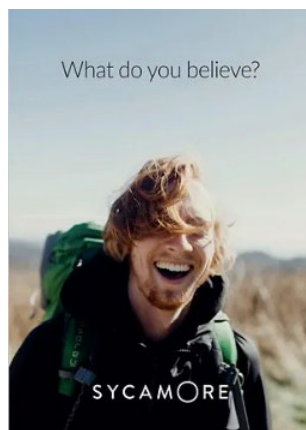


Second Collections

13th/14th January – Marys Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries . www.marysmeals.org.uk Donations today will be matched by the government.
27th/28th January Society for the Protection of Unborn Children <https://www.spuc.org.uk>



Trinity Troopers Youth Club - (Children in school years 4-7) Meets Friday 12th
January 7.30pm – 8.45pm at St Tarcisius Church hall. £1 entrance.
New members welcome - Parents should contact Fr Paul for more details.



Sycamore gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Everyone is welcome. It is particularly for those who have completed Alpha or are seeking to gain a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith within a group setting. Sycamore is also part of the preparation for adults who desire to be Baptised or Confirmed into the Catholic Church.

Our next Zoom based Sycamore will run from 8:00pm to 9:30pm every **Thursday from 11 January to 21 March 2024** except during the school half-term on Thursday 15 February.

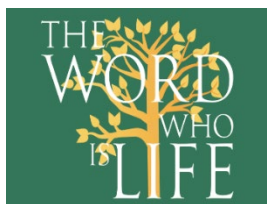
Please sign up here on ChurchSuite [Sycamore \(11-Jan-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or contact the Parish Office at camberleyandbagshot@abdiocese.org.uk or 01276 473525

Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, 27 January, 10am-1.30pm at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP. . Doors will open at 9.30am with refreshments available. For more information about this event please contact our Caritas Social Action Adviser, Tessa Ricketts E: Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk



Life in the Spirit SEMINARS - an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity for you to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new, dynamic relationship

with the living Lord." Wednesdays 17th Jan, 24th Jan 31st Jan, 7th Feb 21st Feb 18th Feb 6th March (7.30PM) at Ss Peter and John Hall



Bishop Richard has written a new **Pastoral Plan for the Diocese** called 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'. The new Plan which is available in all churches this weekend, highlights how our community of faith can embrace this important time of renewal, forging diocesan parishes into communities of saints and strong, lively, and welcoming schools of discipleship.

The new Pastoral Plan released on the diocesan website on Tuesday 2 January:

www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan with copies available at the back of the churches.

Bishop Richard will be hosting a **Pastoral Plan Webinar** for people across our diocesan community on **Wednesday 10 January at 7.30pm**. There is no need to register for this event, please use the following the link to join the presentation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457734895>.

General Appeal from the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

*A Second collection for the work of the Latin Patriarchy will be taken
on the Solemnity of the Epiphany*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the Lord give you peace!

The current crisis has caused not only death, destruction, and hunger in Gaza, but also high unemployment, especially in the Bethlehem area, and other social issues all over the Holy Land. We are facing a crisis that affects countless families from different religions and all our institutions including schools, hospitals, and parishes. In Gaza, our material resources have been extended beyond our walls to include our suffering neighbours and to those who took refuge in other locations. The spirit of coordination was evident as local players also extended a helping hand. We share practically everything from food and water to medicines and supplies. We have learned in this difficult time that to rebuild the physical world we must build and protect trust between people.

Hundreds of people from all over the world have contacted us and have helped us to offer concrete support. We know what we need to do, as we have done with all our heart in previous crises, and we will undoubtedly do it again. Please help us to make a concrete difference and to build the necessary environment so that, in this society scarred by hatred, we may again sow the seeds of trust, of hope and of love.

Be assured of my prayer and gratitude for each of you!

+ Pierbattista Card. Pizzaballa Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

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