

**Camberley and  
Bagshot Catholic  
Parish Newsletter**  
**The Holy Family**  
**31<sup>st</sup> 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.

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Holy Family**. Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at the night prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours.



**Mass on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024** (Mary the Mother of God)  
is 12 noon at SS Peter and John Church.

Mass is followed by a **shared lunch** in the Hall.

*Please bring along finger food!*

**The readings for Feast of the Holy Family Year B**

**Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3:** *Your heir shall be your own flesh and blood*

**Psalm 104** HE THE LORD IS OUR GOD HE REMEMBERS HIS COVENANT FOR EVER

**Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19** The faith of Abraham Sarah and Isaac

**Luke 2:22-40** "the child grew filled with wisdom"

**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](#)

<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas</i>  Feast of The Holy Family	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration, Confessions, and Rosary St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>John Candon RIP</i>
	5.00pm 5.30pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec</b> The Holy Family	9.15am 11.15am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Jackie Billings Intentions</i> Holy Mass Christ the King Church Bagshot <i>Joe Nash RIP</i>
	12 noon	Holy Mass Ss Peter and John Church <i>Followed by a shared lunch in the hall to celebrate the New Year</i>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b> St Stephen	9.15am 9.30am	Morning prayer St Tarcisius Church <i>Rosaleen O'Neil Intentions</i> Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church
	10am -12 noon	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament <b>St Tarcisius Church</b>
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> <i>Christmastide</i>	12 noon	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> <i>Christmastide</i>	9.15am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Ss Peter & John Church Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church )
	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration, Confessions, and Rosary St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Julia Chappel RIP</i>
<b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas</i>  Epiphany of the Lord	5.00pm 5.30pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church
	9.15am 11.15am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Armenian People Intentions</i> Holy Mass Christ the King Church Bagshot <i>People of the Parish</i>  <i>There will be a Second Collection to raise funds for the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem to support its outreach to those affected by the conflict in the Holy Land.</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>

## Dates for the Diary

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



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](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib)"*

## 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](http://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](mailto:roger.woodham@virginmedia.com) for a fresh supply



**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.



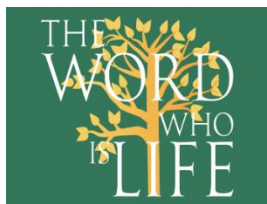
**Sycamore** is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and time for discussion. Everyone is welcome. It 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](mailto: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.** This year's assembly will address violence and abuse in our homes, families and wider community, with speakers from Restored, Lifecentre and Pax Christi. 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](mailto:Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk)

**Life in the Spirit "Come and See Session"** Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> January 24 7.30pm at SS Peter and John Church Hall The following sessions are on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 6<sup>th</sup> March



Bishop Richard has written a new **Pastoral Plan for the Diocese** which will be released in the New Year called 'The Word Who is Life: The Call to Mission'. The new Plan 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 will be released on the diocesan website on Tuesday 2 January:

[www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/pastoral-plan](http://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 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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