

Camberley and Bagshot Catholic Parish Newsletter

**Fourth Sunday of
Advent Year B**

24th 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.



On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the **Annunciation**, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus, Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

The readings for Fourth Sunday Advent Year A

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me

Psalms 88(89)

I WILL SING FOR EVER OF YOUR LOVE O LORD

Romans 16:25-27

The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages

Luke 1:26-38

"I am the handmaid of the Lord"

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 23rd Dec <i>Greater Advent</i> <i>"O Emmanuel"</i>	9.00am	Adoration, Confessions, and Rosary St Tarcisius Church
	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Cassidy Family Intentions</i>
4th Sunday of Advent year B	5.00pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church
	5.30pm	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Reilly & Noonan families RIP</i>
Sunday 24th Dec 4th Sunday of Advent	9.15am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>John O'Brien's family RIP</i> No 11.15am Mass
Sunday 24th Dec Christmas Eve	4.00pm 6.15pm	Vigil Mass for Christmas at Christ the King Church Bagshot Vigil Mass for Christmas at SS Peter & John Church <i>Stan Nahajaski RIP</i>
	9.30pm	Carol Service followed by Christmas Night Mass at St Tarcisius
Monday 25th Dec Christmas Day	9.15am 11.15am	Christmas Mass at St Tarcisius Church <i>Christopher Helm RIP</i> Christmas Mass at Christ the King Church The Christmas Mass collection is your personal gift to Fr Paul
Tuesday 26th Dec St Stephen	9.15am	Morning prayer Christ the King Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass Christ the King Church
Wed 27th Dec <i>St John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	9.15am	Morning Prayer St Tarcisius Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Caroline & Katie's Intentions</i> followed by Adoration until 12 noon
Thursday 28th Dec <i>Holy Innocents</i>	12 noon	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Cassidy Family RIP</i>
Fri 29th Dec <i>St Thomas Beckett</i>	9.15am	Morning Prayer Ss Peter & John Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Eucharist Ministers' Intentions (Ian Morrison)</i>
Sat 30th Dec <i>6th day of Christmas</i> Feast of The Holy Family	9.00am	Adoration, Confessions, and Rosary St Tarcisius Church
	10.00am	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>
Sunday 31st Dec The Holy Family	9.15am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Jackie Billings Intentions</i>
	11.15am	Holy Mass Christ the King Church Bagshot <i>Joe Nash RIP</i>
Mon 1st January Mary the Mother of God	12 noon	Holy Mass Ss Peter and John Church <i>Followed by a shared lunch in the hall to celebrate the New Year</i>

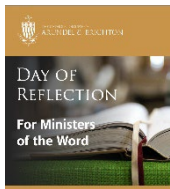
'My ChurchSuite' is a database system used by this parish. Parishioners can manage their own personal details and sign up for events through the ChurchSuite system. To register as a parishioner with this parish please enter your details using the following link <https://cbparish.co.uk/cs-parishdatabase>

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 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**

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



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.



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.



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"*



St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

We wish all Parishioners a Happy Christmas and New Year and thank you all for your support throughout the year. It has been incredible and we are very grateful. If you would like to donate to us and continue your support

Account name: Camberley SVP - Sort code: 60-60-04 Account no: 46082417



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.

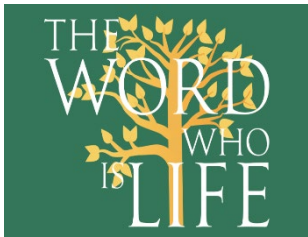
Please sign up here on ChurchSuite [Sycamore \(11-Jan-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or contact the Parish Office at camberleyandbagshot@abdiocese.org.uk or 01276 473525

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

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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'. As society becomes more secular our parishes must be ever-clearer beacons of light guiding people to Christ. 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 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>.

Individually Guided Retreat, 14-21 January at The Franciscan Centre, Godalming, GU7

1ST (Suggested Offering: £520 with bursaries available). Step away from the noise and haste of your everyday life and into the quiet beauty of the Franciscan Centre Ladywell, attendees will be accompanied by a trained spiritual director each day. Call: 01483 675575 For those who wish to extend their time to do an 8-day retreat, this is also possible and the suggested offering is £670.

Shorter retreats are available within these dates also. Contact us for more information:

franciscancentre@ladywell.org.uk

Do you need help in your marriage? Join Retrouvaille's Virtual Weekend, 8-11

February. Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken love, trust and commitment and work through difficult times contact M: 07887 296983 or E: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com.

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