

Camberley and Bagshot Catholic Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Lent Year A

23rd March 2025

He spoke also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

—Luke 13:6

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's Gospel reading (Luke 13:1-9) features the parable of the barren fig tree. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit. Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

The parable of the fig tree in Luke highlights God's patience. He gives us time to change and grow in faith, but we must respond. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. The psalm of today's mass speaks of God's goodness and mercy. This psalm praises God for His forgiveness, presence, and renewal in our lives. It acknowledges His justice and mercy, reminding us that He calls us back when we stray. Despite knowing our weaknesses and failures, God loves us deeply and offers us freedom. *"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so strong his mercy for those who fear him"* As the Lord is compassion and love may we be so towards others.

"Loving God, You have commanded us to show mercy and compassion to one another. I come to You for help because I believe You always provide what we need to accomplish Your will, and also, I know I lack what I need. With so much at stake in this lost and hurting world, Lord, I pray that You please give me a heart that is compassionate and merciful towards others. Amen."

The Readings of Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent Year C

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15

"I Am" has sent me to you

Psalm 102

THE LORD IS COMPASSION AND GRACIOUS

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

They drank from the spiritual rock that followed them

Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish

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 22nd March <i>2nd week of lent</i>	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Annice Craig RIP</i>
	2.00pm ----- 5.00pm 5.30pm	Baptism of Hayley Agyiri St Tarcisius Church ----- Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John <i>Paddy Lynch RIP</i>
Sun 23rd March Third Sunday of Lent	9.15am 10.40am 11.15am	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>People of the parish</i> Rosary at Christ the King Church Sunday Mass at Christ the King <i>Francis Gabrella Vaz Ints</i>
	4.00pm	Stations of the Cross at Christ the King Church
Mon 24th March <i>Third week in Lent</i>	9.15am 9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Morning prayer Christ the King Church Holy Mass Christ the King Church Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament Rosary on zoom
	9.15am 9.30am	Morning prayer St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Sean Shreeve Intentions</i>
Tues 25th March The Annunciation of the Lord		
Wed 26th March	10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon St Tarcisius Church
Thurs 27^h March <i>3rd week of lent</i>	11.30am	Requiem Mass for Joan Christie RIP Christ the King Church
Friday 28th March <i>3rd week of lent</i>	9.15am 9.30am	Morning prayer Ss Peter & John Church Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Antoinette Kandela RIP</i>
Sat 29th March <i>3rd week of Lent</i>	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church
	----- 5.00pm 5.30pm	----- Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Maureen Rawlinson RIP</i>
Sun 30th March 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	9.15am 10.40am 11.15am	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>People of the parish</i> Rosary at Christ the King Church Sunday Mass at Christ the King
	4.00pm	Stations of the Cross at St Tarcisius Church <i>British Summer Time begins today.</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>

Special Collections

Saturday 29th/Sunday 30th March
Good Friday 18th April
Easter Sunday 20th April

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice
Holy Places of Palestine
Your personal gift to Fr Paul

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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Congratulations to Ana Boia, Nick Gooderham, Rosemary Burton, Stephen Sparey, Tumi Kaminskis and Wilson Ferreira who on Saturday 08/Mar at Arundel Cathedral, formalised their request to Bishop Richard Moth to receive the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday 19/Apr at St. Peter & St. John. Please pray for them as they continue to prepare.

Parish Events

Tuesday 25 th March	Finance Committee Meeting 7.00pm at 11 Bell Place
Friday 4 th April	First Friday Mass 7.00pm at St Tarcisius Church. <i>Following Mass there will be Adoration, confession and Prayer Ministry during a time of musical worship and silence concludes 8:30pm.</i>
Monday 7 th April	Mission Team meeting on zoom 7.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd April	Confirmation session 7.30pm at 11 Bell Place
Saturday 26 th April	First Confessions 11am - 12.30pm at Ss Peter and John Church
Saturday 3 rd May	First confessions 11am to 12 noon at Ss Peter & John Church



Trinity Troopers Youth Club - (Children in school years 4-7)

Next meets **Friday 9th may 7.30pm – 9.00pm** 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. *meets every third Friday of the Month.*

Contact Christiana via email at omakolo@yahoo.com or mobile - 07885 593400.



Celebrate Festival: Witness to Hope, 16-20 August, Worth School, RH10 6SB (Cost: from £100/adult). A relaxed, faith-filled Catholic festival for all the family, with inspirational speakers; Masses and worship; prayer. fun and fellowship. www.celebratetrust.org/festival for find out more and book. If you are interest in attending with your family please let Fr Paul know.

Readings in all languages Using the 'Churches in Vienna' website, you can access the Readings at Sunday Mass, as well as a Homily in 13 languages. <https://www.virc.at/unit/virc/en/massreadings>

The House of Commons Committee hearing evidence on Kim Leadbeater's **Terminally Ill Adults Bill** The *Guardian* [reports](#) that a number of MPs are reconsidering their support. One source estimates that 30 will withdraw support. Remember, we need 28 MPs to switch from supporting to opposing this Bill. For further details on the bill and on the campaign against it please go to <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk/>

The friends of the Holy Land are holding an event featuring **Bishop William Shomali, Patriarchal Vicar for Jerusalem and Palestine** on **Monday 31st March from 11.30 am** at **Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church**. Bishop William will speak about how the war and ceasefire conditions are affecting the daily life of Christians in the Holy Land, particularly in his pastoral area. Attendance is free of charge, however we ask people to please register to secure a place. <https://www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/forms/bloomsbury>



Palm Sunday Mass Sat 12th April 5.30pm Ss Peter & John Church.
Mass begins with blessing of palms outside the front entrance on the church
Palm Sunday Mass 13th April 9.15am at St Tarcisius Church
Mass begins with the blessing of palms in the church hall
Palm Sunday Mass 13th April 11.15am at Christ the King Church
Mass begins with the blessing of the palms in the rear car park

- Wednesday 16th April 6pm **Chrism Mass** at Arundel Cathedral

Holy Thursday 17th April

- 10.15am **Children's service** with the washing of feet at Ss Peter & John Church
- 8.15pm **Mass of the Lords Supper** followed by watching at the Altar of Repose St Tarcisius

Good Friday 18th April

- 10.15am **Children's Stations of the Cross** at Christ the King Church
- 11.00am **Churches Together Walk of Witness** in Bagshot
- 3.00pm **Solemn Liturgy of the Lords Passion** St Tarcisius Church
- 7.30pm **Stations of the Cross** at Ss Peter & John Church

Holy Saturday 19th April

- 9.00am **Confessions** at St Tarcisius Church
- 10.00am **Blessing of Easter food baskets (Swieconka)** St Tarcisius Church
- 8.15am **Easter Vigil and the First Mass of Easter** Ss Peter & John Church

Easter Sunday 20th April

- 9.15am Easter Sunday Mass at St Tarcisius Church
- 11.15am Easter Sunday Mass at Christ the King Church

Baptisms

Sunday 27th April 1.30pm Jasmine Jayne Pais St Tarcisius Church

Services of Reconciliation

Tuesday 1st April 7.00pm *led by Bishop Richard Moth* at Our Lady Help of Christians Church West Byfleet.

Friday 11th April 7.30pm at St Dunstan's Woking

Tuesday 15th April 7.00pm at Ss Peter and John Church Camberley

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