

Camberley and Bagshot Catholic Parish Newsletter

**Third "Gaudete" Sunday
of Advent Year B**

17th 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.



**Parish Carol Service this Sunday 17th Dec 4pm
at Ss Peter and John Church
followed by refreshments**

Please come along and invite family and friends!

Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." Lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on our Advent wreaths reminds us that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

The Catholic Catechism teaches that joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit; "*By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear 'the fruit of the Spirit: . . . love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control'*" (Galatians 5:22-23)

Many Saints have written about Christian Joy;

- The soul of the one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing." - **St. John of the Cross**
- "God loves those who find joy in giving." - **St. Pope John Paul II**
- "Act in a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away joyful. Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God." - **St. Faustina**
- "One filled with Joy preaches without preaching." - **Blessed Mother Teresa**

The readings for Third Sunday Advent Year A

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 He sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

Luke 1:46-50,53-54 MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD

1 Thess May you be kept for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"

John 1:6-8,19-28 "The stands among you one coming after me"

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 16th Dec <i>2nd week in Advent</i>	9.00am	Adoration, Confessions, and Rosary St Tarcisius Church
	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church
	1.30 to 3.00pm	Camberley Churches Together Carol Singing in the Main Square
<hr/> 3rd Sunday of Advent year B	5.00pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church
	5.30pm	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 17th Dec Third “Gaudete” Sunday of Advent “O Sapientia”	9.15am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Annice Craig RIP</i>
	11.15am	Holy Mass Christ the King Church <i>Barabara Raynes Intention</i>
	4.00pm	Parish Carol Service Ss Peter & John Church
Monday 18th Dec <i>Greater Advent</i> <i>“O Donai”</i>	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Nigel Saddington RIP Christ the King Church <i>(today is the 20th Anniversary of Joe Nash RIP)</i>
	6.00pm	Live streamed Rosary
	7.00pm	Service of Reconciliation with visiting priests available for confessions Ss Peter & John Church
Tues 19th Dec <i>Greater Advent</i> <i>“O Radix Jesse”</i>	9.15am	Morning Prayer St Tarcisius
	9.30am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Pat & Alan Howlands Intentions</i>
Wed 20th Dec <i>Greater Advent</i> <i>“O Clavis David”</i>	9.15am	Morning Prayer St Tarcisius
	9.30am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon at St Tarcisius Church
	7.00pm	Service of Reconciliation at Our Lady help of Christians West Byfleet
Thursday 21st Dec <i>“O Oriens”</i>		No Mass
Fri 22nd Dec <i>Greater Advent</i> <i>“O Rex Gentium”</i>	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>James Munroe Senior RIP</i>
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>
<hr/> 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>Deceased members of John O’Brien’s family</i> No 11.15am Mass
Sunday 24th Dec Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Vigil Mass for Christmas at Christ the King Church Bagshot
	6.15pm	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 Church
Monday 25th Dec Christmas Day	9.15am	Christmas Morning Mass at St Tarcisius Church <i>Christopher Helm RIP</i>
	11.15am	Christmas Morning Mass at Christ the King Church <i>The Christmas Mass collection is your personal gift to Fr Paul</i>

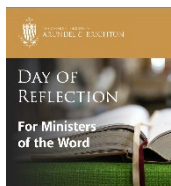
'My ChurchSuite' is a database system used by this parish. Parishioners can manage their own personal details and sign up for events through the ChurchSuite system. To register as a parishioner with this parish please enter your details using the following link <https://cbparish.co.uk/cs-parishdatabase>

Dates for the Diary

Wed 3rd January 24 **Life in the Spirit "Come and See Session"** 7.30pm at SS Peter and John Church Hall
Sunday 4th February 24 **Pancake Sunday** 4th February 2pm in St Tarcisius Church Hall
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.



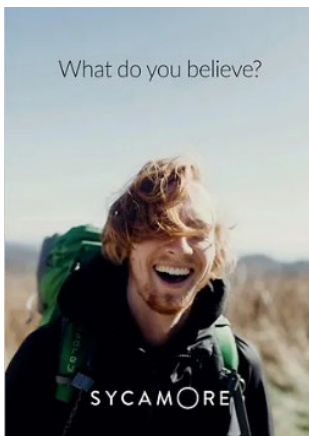
The **crib collection** during the Christmas season will be for the **Catholic Childrens Society's A&B Crisis Fund**. Fr Michael Daley of the Catholic Childrens Society writes *"Every penny donated will be given out via the Crises Fund to support local families in need. You can donate at the Crib or 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



Many thanks to the generous parishioners who attended the **CAFOD Soup LUNCH** or gave donations for raising the huge sum of £505. We are hoping to encourage new members to join the group please ask either Carole Ann Roycroft, Jane Lawlor or Anne Newling-Ward or contact the Parish Office

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The following session are on Wednesday 17th Jan, 24th Jan 31st Jan,
7th Feb 21st Feb 18th Feb 6th March



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

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