

**Camberley and Bagshot Catholic Parish Newsletter**

**First Sunday of Lent Year A**

**9th March 2025**

**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

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

jAs we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

**The Readings of Mass for the First Sunday of Lent Year C**

**Deuteronomy 26:4-10** The confession of faith of the chosen people

**Psalm 91** BE WITH O LORD IN MY DISTRESS

**Romans 10;8-13** The confession of faith of believers in Christ

**Luke 4:-1- 13** Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and tempted by the devil

**GIFTS SURVEY** We would love to hear about any **gifts, skills and talents** you wish to offer go to [**Parish Gifts Survey · Church Suite Form**](https://camberleybagshotcatholicparish.churchsuite.com/forms/dhozqq3w)**s** or contact the parish office

**Parish Timetable**

Holy Mass is broadcast live on the [*Camberley & Bagshot Catholic Parish Facebook Page*](https://www.facebook.com/Camberley-Bagshot-Catholic-Parish-102099478101801/)

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| **Sat 8th March** *Saturday after Ash Wednesday***First Sunday of Lent**  | 9.00am 10.00am----------5.00pm5.30pm |  Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church  Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church  --------------------- ------------------------------------------------------------------- Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Vigil MassSs Peter & John *People of the Parish*  |
| **Sun 9th March** **First Sunday of Lent**  | 9.15am10.40am11.15am**4.00pm**  |  Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church *Conolly & Denis families’ intentions*  Rosary at Christ the King Church Sunday Mass at Christ the King *Yasamma Mariappa Intentions* **Stations of the Cross at St Tarcisius Church** |
| **Mon 10th March** *First week of lent* | 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am6.00pm  |  Morning prayer Christ the King Church Holy Mass Christ the King Church  Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament Rosary on zoom  |
| **Tues 11th March***First week of lent* | 9.15am 9.30am  |  Morning prayer St Tarcisius Church  Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church  |
| **Wed 5th March***First week of lent* | 10am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon *St Tarcisus Church* |
| **Thurs 13th March***First week of lent* | 12 noon |  Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church *Michael Barrett RIP*  |
| **Friday 14th March***First week of lent****CAFOD LENTEN FAST DAY***  | 9.15am 9.30am7.30pm  |  Morning prayer Ss Peter & John Church Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church *In memorial of Stephen Bird RIP*Youth Club at St Tarcisus Hall  |
| **Sat 15th March** *First week of lent***2nd ‘Transfiguration’ Sunday of Lent**  | 9.00am 10.00am----------5.00pm5.30pm |  Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church  Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church  --------------------- ------------------------------------------------------------------- Confessions Ss Peter & John Church Vigil MassSs Peter & John *People of the Parish*  |
| **Sun 16th March** **2nd ‘Transfiguration’ Sunday of Lent**  | 9.15am10.40am11.15am**1.30pm** **4.00pm**  |  Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church *Michael Roycroft RIP*  Rosary at Christ the King Church Sunday Mass at Christ the King *Brian & Thomas Intentions*  *There is a retiring collection for CAFOD***Baptism of Willima Jude O’Shea St Tarcisius Church** **Stations of the Cross at Ss Peter & John Church**  |

‘**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>

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| **Second Collections** Saturday 15th/ Sunday 16th March **CAFOD Fast Day Collection**Saturday 29th/Sunday 30th March **Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice****Applications for this summer's Pilgrimage to Lourdes (25-31 July by air, 24 July-1 August by coach/jumbulance) are now open on the pilgrimage website.**[**www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes**](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes) |
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| **Financial Giving** **A picture containing text, clipart  Description automatically generatedMonthly 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](http://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**Admission to St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School, Frimley - September 2025**Our school is linked to the Catholic Churches in Frimley, Camberley and Bagshot. We are also a named feeder school for two outstanding Catholic Secondary Schools - All Hallows (Farnham) and St. John the Baptist (Woking). To find out more about the school and to arrange a visit contact the school office on 01276 709099 **Parish Events**Tuesday 11th March **Confirmation Preparation** 7.30pm 11 Bell Place BagshotSaturday 15th March **Confirmation group trip** to the Flame Youth Event at Wembley Arena Wed 19th March **St Tarcisius Liturgy Group Meeting** Tuesday 25th March **Finance Committee Meeting** 7.00pm at 11 Bell Place Sunday 30th March **Mothering Sunday** **Baptisms**William Jude O’Shea: Sunday 16th March 1.30pm at St Tarcisius ChurchJasmine Jayne Pais: Sunday 27th April 1.30pm at St Tarcisius ChurchStrachur Youth Club | Argyll QLD**Trinity Troopers Youth Club -** **(Children in school years 4-7)**  Next meets **Friday 14th March** **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."Are you an **audio visual expert with experience of live streaming**? If so, your expertise would be greatly appreciated for a project currently underway across the parishes of the Woking Deanery. Please contact Mary Keaney by email to marykearney100@hotmail.com for more information. Celebrate Festival Witness to Hope, 16-20 August 2025, Worth School, West Sussex. The event logo is multicoloured and include a bright red and blue bird flying in from the left.**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](http://www.celebratetrust.org/festival) for find out more and book. If you are interest in attending with your family please let Fr Paul know.

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| Last week, the Committee hearing evidence on Kim Leadbeater’s Terminally Ill Adults Bill took oral evidence from nearly 50 witnesses. The *Guardian*[reports](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fspuc.us10.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3De2b68080f9b6fdc28a1553e7d%26id%3D5e1c916584%26e%3Dcba28c1e68&data=05%7C02%7Cpaul.turner%40abdiocese.org.uk%7C55653bb1e1ee4ea3485a08dd47978011%7C2bf5dbc217ef4efca1c9ab2dc4edefd0%7C0%7C0%7C638745438235598879%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nYZsRVp%2BBYKKpPQX8pwT7qbb00nmSzPYbpKiOwE4%2Fm8%3D&reserved=0) 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**.**We can defeat this Bill, but we need to campaign like never before. For further details on the bill and on the campaign against it please go tohttps://spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk/ |

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**Lent Family Fast Day 2025 CAFOD Lent Appeal – Friday 14th March** Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You’ll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Please take home a CAFOD envelope and return them with your donations to the second collection next weekend. **CAFOD has issued a statement in response to the Aid Budget announcement made by the Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Tuesday.** The UK Government plans to increase defence spending to 2.5% of gross national income by 2027, with the Aid Budget reduced from 0.5% to 0.3% over the same period. For further details <https://cafod.org.uk/news/media/press-releases/uk-cuts-to-official-development-assistance-oda>**|Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome led by diocesan priests Fr Gus Campanello and Fr Nick Harden, 5-10 November,** (Cost: full package £1,220 inc. flights, transfers, half board. Single room supplement £188). Journey on pilgrimage to Rome this November accompanied by Fr Gus & Fr Nick. To find out more and book your place email Sarah at Tangney Tours or T: 01732 886666.**Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Richard, 6-8 June (Cost inc. travel, accommodation & food).** People across our community of faith are invited to mark the 60th Anniversary of our diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, by joining a summer pilgrimage to Walsingham. If you have any queries, please contact the Pilgrimage Office on T: 01293 651147 or E: lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk.**Children's Liturgy of the Word: Leaders' Event, 26 April, 10am-1.30pm, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley.**A wonderful morning looking at how to deliver Children's Liturgy, led by Lucy Hall. Explore new ways to prepare children to be fully immersed in the gift that is the Eucharist.**LENTEN SMALL GROUPS**; * **Tuesdays**at 7:30pm on Zoom – starting on 4 March
* **Weds** at 1:15pm Our Lady Queen of Heaven , Frimley – starting on 5 March
* **Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm** at Lindsay Williams’ home at 7:30pm Lindsay Williams: lindsay.williams.uk@gmail.com

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