

**Camberley and Bagshot Catholic
Parish Newsletter**
The Baptism of the Lord
12th January 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

Today we celebrate the feast of the **Baptism of the Lord**. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

Traditionally on the feast of Epiphany, we can bless our homes by writing the letters C, M, and B and the numbers of the year on either side — so this year it would look like “**20+C+M+B+25.**”

The letters stand for the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing “*Christus mansionem benedicat,*” which means “*May Christ bless this house.*”

The Readings of Mass for the Baptism of the Lord Year C

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

“Prepare the way of the Lord”

Psalm 104

BLESS THE LORD O MY SOUL MY GOD HOW GREAT YOU ARE

Titus 2:11-14,3:407

He saved us by the washing of regeneration and the renewal of the Holy Spirit

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and was praying the heavens were opened

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 11th January <i>Feria after the Epiphany</i>	9.00am	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church
	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church
The Baptism of the Lord	5.00pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Michael Grimes RIP</i>
Sun 12th Jan The Baptism of the Lord	9.15am	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Fr Tony Heerey RIP</i>
	10.40am	Rosary at Christ the King Church
	11.15am	Sunday Mass at Christ the King Church <i>People of the parish</i>
Mon 13th January <i>Week 1 in Ord time</i>	9.15am	Morning prayer Christ the King Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass Christ the King Church <i>Lindsay Williams Ints</i>
	10.00am	Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament
	6.00pm	Rosary on zoom
Tuesday 14th Jan <i>Week 1 in Ord time</i>	9.15am	Morning prayer St Tarcisius Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Cassidy Family Ints</i>
Wed 15th January	10am	Exposition of the Blessed sacrament until 12 noon <i>St Tarcisius Church</i>
Thurs 16th January <i>Week 1 in Ord time</i>	12 noon	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>Looby Family Ints</i>
Friday 17th January <i>St Anthony abbott</i>	9.15am	Morning prayer Ss Peter & John Church
	9.30am	Holy Mass Ss Peter & John Church
Sat 18th January <i>Votive Mass of Our Lady</i>	9.00am	Adoration, confessions, and rosary St Tarcisius Church
	10.00am	Holy Mass St Tarcisius Church
2nd Sunday in Ordinary time	5.00pm	Confessions Ss Peter & John Church
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Ss Peter & John Church <i>McNamamra Family RIP</i>
Sun 19th Jan 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time	9.15am	Sunday Mass St Tarcisius Church <i>Gregory & Yvonne 5th Anniversary</i>
	10.40am	Rosary at Christ the King Church
	11.15am	Sunday Mass at Christ the King Church <i>People of the parish</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>

Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word, 25 January, 11am-4pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Burgess Hill. Join Bishop Richard for talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary, the Liturgy of the Word and preparing to minister as a reader; includes Lectio Divina & the celebration of Mass. If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Christina Gerrard E: formation@abdiocese.org.uk



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

Next meets **Friday 14th February** 7.30pm – 8.45pm 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. *This Youth Club meets every third Friday of the Month.*

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

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



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www.cbparish.com If you are a taxpayer, you can contribute to the Parish via the Gift

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Praying the Scriptures, 25 January, 10am-4pm, The House of Prayer, East Molesey, KT8 0PB (Cost: £35). Led by Canon Peter Sills, this day retreat will be a prayerful exploration of the evolving story of the Bible. Getting under the skin of the Bible, we see how ideas of hope and destiny, faith and morality developed alongside changes in life and experience. [Click here](#) to book

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

Sat 11th/Sun 12th January **First Holy Communion sessions**

Tuesday 14th January 7.30pm **Confirmation Session** at 11 Bell Place

Monday 27th Jan 7.30pm **Parish Liturgy Group meeting** at Ss Peter & John Hall

Baptisms

Elizabeth Thomas: Sunday 19th January 1.30pm at St Tarcisius Church

William Jude O'Shea: Sunday 16th March 1.30pm at St Tarcisius Church

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

Parents wanting their children to be baptised should contact the parish office to find out about the next preparation course which will take place in February

Funerals

Requiem Mass for **Paddy McDonald RIP** Tuesday 21st January 11am at Ss Peter & John Church

Requiem Mass for **Kenneth Fudge RIP** Thursday 23rd January 12 noon at Ss Peter & John Church

SYCAMORE is a welcoming space where you can meet others, share ideas and explore the big questions of life and faith. Each session includes a short, engaging film and time for open and meaningful discussion. Whether you're continuing your journey after completing Alpha, seeking to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith or simply curious about what it means to live a life of faith, then Sycamore is for you! Sycamore is also a continuing step for adults preparing for Baptism or Confirmation into the Catholic Church.

Our next Zoom based Sycamore will run from 8:00pm to 9:30pm every Thursday from 16 January to 27 March 2025 except during the school half-term on Thursday 20 February. Please sign up here on ChurchSuite [Sycamore \(16-Jan-2025\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

or contact the Parish Office at camberleyandbagshot@abdiocese.org.uk or 01276 473525

Volunteers Needed – Marriage Care has a counsellor working at SPJ on Tuesday Evenings. One of the Chaperones has stepped down and a replacement is needed to join the rota - just to be on the premises in another room for about 2.5hrs. If you can help please contact Fran Batt on 07855 584093.

Fundraising Event for Connect Counselling Service

QUINTESSENTIALLY WIND AFTERNOON CONCERT Saturday 18th January, 3pm St Anne's Church, Bagshot 45 Church Road, GU19 5EQ Join us for tea, cake and a concert of light classics, jazz, show and film music! Free admission, please give generously. All proceeds go to Connect Counselling service.

Rethinking Abortion, 8 February, 10.30-4.30pm, The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. An interactive day presented by **March for Life**, with a series of educational sessions aimed at equipping participants to deal with real-life scenarios and talk about abortion with those around them in a meaningful way. [Click here](#) to register your free place.

[https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/f2hs0gqv?ct=t\(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_17_2022_14_56_COPY_02\)&mc_cid=9598729398&mc_eid=1f942c9333](https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/f2hs0gqv?ct=t(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2_17_2022_14_56_COPY_02)&mc_cid=9598729398&mc_eid=1f942c9333)

Year of Jubilee 2025 The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”. There will be events organised by the Diocese and the Woking Deanery during 2025. The details will be advertised in the newsletter.



Prayer for the Jubilee year *“Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both*

humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.” Amen

Word on Fire Evangelisation & Culture Conference



This conference is for you if you are seeking to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and the beauty of the Catholic faith

Friday 21st Feb – evening keynote from Bishop Robert Barron 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Saturday 22nd Feb – various talks throughout the day from 09:30 to 6pm

at Excel London, , just 10 minutes from Canary Wharf and 12 minutes from the City.

Ticket prices: £109 for both 21st and 22nd Feb, £79 for just 22nd

<https://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event>

The **World Day of Prayer** ecumenical service this year will be on Friday 07/Mar/25 at 10:00am at St. Paul’s Church, Crawley Ridge, Camberley GU15 2AD. The theme will be “I Made You Wonderful” which is based on Psalm 139. All are welcome.”

Youth Project Worker (P/T) based at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Join the diocesan Central Office Team as our new Youth Project Worker. The successful applicant will be responsible for two major projects – coordination of the CYMFed Faith in Action Awards, and the developing Young Adults programme. For further details E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk.

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