



# Parish of Corpus Christi-St. Peter, St. Justus



## Corpus Christi

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## St. Justus

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## St. Peter

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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## Journey of Forty Days

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a period of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penance. Symbolically the forty days remind us of Jesus spending forty days in the wilderness praying and fasting. Ashes remind us that we are created from the earth and it connects us with the rest of humanity and to all living things. Ashes help us thus to live with the awareness that we are created in the image and likeness of God and to live without stains of sin. Pope Benedict XVI observed that every day, but particularly in Lent, Christians must face a struggle, like the one that Christ underwent in the desert of Judea, where he was tempted by the devil. It is a struggle that involves the whole of the person and demands attentive and constant watchfulness. We live in a world where we seem to be busy with external affairs. We may not get adequate time to look into ourselves. During Lent we may let our homes be places that help raise our minds and hearts to God. The following preparation of our living space may be of help to make this year's Lent different.

- Keep a crucifix in a central place in our home during Lent.
  - A candle can be lit at each meal to remind us of the light of Christ among us in Lent.
  - Placing a Bible in a central place in our home reminds us of the central place of God's Word in our lives.
  - Continue to use our Parish Family Prayer card for prayer.
- I wish you a Holy Lent. **Fr Saju.**

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OT (A)

SATURDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6..00pm	Martin & John RIP and Deceased members of the Moore family (Margaret Constable)
SUNDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Susan Crowley RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Roy Moon RIP (Brenda Moon)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Bryce Cottrell and family
TUESDAY 21st Feb	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> In Honour of the Holy Face of Jesus (Jacqui Shaw) <b>Christian Meditation</b> (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>		
WEDNESDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10.00am	Mary & Gordon Collins RIP
	12noon	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	2.00pm	<b>St Margaret School</b> Distribution of Ashes
	8.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Holy Souls
THURSDAY 23rd Feb	10.00am	Private Intention (David Burford) <b>Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm</b>
FRIDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Jones Family Thanksgiving (Ann & Gerard Jones)
SATURDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	God's Blessings on William Shaw (Jacqui Shaw)
	6.00pm	Bernice Moreno RIP (Leila & Steve Sellen)
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT(A)</b>		
SUNDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Brian Murphy RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Charlotte Ford RIP and for her family (Jacqui Shaw)

St. Margaret Clitherow Primary School, Trench Road, Tonbridge Tel. 01732 35800 Principal: Mrs. Fiona Oubridge  
St. Gregory's Catholic School, Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells. Tel. 01892 527444 Principal: Mr Phil Byrne

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

##### Stations of the Cross in Lent in the parish

Friday at 7.30 pm at Corpus Christi and Tuesday at 10 am in St Justus and Wednesday at 10 am at St. Peter's.

**YOUTH Club** : Meets on 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Fisher Hall, Years 7 – 11. On Sat 1 April we will be going **Bowling at the Hollywood Bowl** In Tonbridge Wells, All are welcome Contact: [tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk)

**CORPUS CHRISTI FLOWER LADIES** meeting on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Sacristy.–

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING** on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm in the Fisher Hall for parents whose children are registered for this year's First Holy Communion programme.

**Mon 20 March at 7.30 pm: Meetings of all those who are involved in faith formation and Catechesis** (Parish Leads, Catechists, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, welcomers and all those who would like to be part of these ministry in the parish.

**The Spirituality Commission** are offering a Lenten retreat for the Archdiocese led by Archbishop John, following the very encouraging response to the retreats of 2021 and 2022. You are likely to be considering your parish Lenten programme and so we offer the retreat and all the materials free of charge as a resource to parishes. Details are available from the Spirituality Commission web site, at <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/renewedbyhope>

#### SACRAMENTS

**Confessions** -Corpus Christi: Saturdays- 10.30am-11.00am and 5.00pm-5.45pm. St Justus: Tuesdays after Mass.

**BAPTISM:** Parent's Baptism Preparation session on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 11.15am in the Fisher Hall. You cannot attend unless you have spoken to Fr Saju and contacted the Parish Office. Please do not arrange a baptism date until after you have attended the session and then checked with the parish office that the date you would like is available.

**ADORATION** All day on Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm: Anne - 01732 773531.

**Rosary:** At 9.30 am on Fri & Sat at at Corpus Christi and 1<sup>st</sup> Tue of month at St. Justus. All are welcome.

**HOLY FACE DEVOTION** - Prayers of Reparation for sins of Blasphemy. Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi and also 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays of the month at St. Justus at 10.30am.

**CHERUBS** Our children's liturgy, runs during the 10am Mass every Sunday. All children from pre-school until Holy Communion are welcome to join us in the Fisher Hall for songs, activities and prayer: Contact- Emily (07934086526).

**FAITH IN THE FAMILY** For families who will be journeying together in faith over the year. Those families meet in the Fisher Hall after 10am Mass on the first Sunday of every month.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Next meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 10,30am-12noon in the Fisher Hall. This informal, friendly group is here for all those who have been bereaved, whether recently or years ago. Please ring Isabelle 07873 or Sheila 07840 489204 for further information.

**PARISH FINANCE:** Your donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support. Many of you use internet or telephone banking so our bank details are below but please follow the next step: Mass Stipends: Quote ST. Offertories: Quote OFF. Malawi Twin Quote MT; in all of these cases you do not need to refer to Gift Aidas we know who you all are:

**Account: RCAS Tonbridge**

**Sort Code: 60-21-28; Account No: 71367780**

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Can I remind parishioners that cheques for the parish need to be made out to 'RCAS Tonbridge'. Many thanks. Ken

**PARISH NOTICES NEXT WEEKEND** There is a second collection for the Clergy Support Fund. This Fund enables the Diocese to care for priests in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His people. There are envelopes available.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Fisher Hall.

**PARISH BINGO** next session Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February arrive 7am Eyes Down 7.30pm in the Fisher Hall. Do come along for a fun evening. All welcome!

**CC SOCIAL GROUP** Our next meeting is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 10am for tea/coffee, cake, biscuits & chat. We have a presentation from: Richard Mason. A Hearing Aid Audiologist, from Hidden Hearing of Tunbridge Wells. Look forward to seeing you, bring your friends.

**SHROVE TUESDAY** Mass in Honour of the Holy Face of Jesus will be celebrated at on 21<sup>st</sup> February at St. Justus' at 10am - a special feast day on the Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday), to be preceded by a 9 day novena of prayer. In 1958, Prayer cards including the Golden Arrow prayer (which Our Lord dictated to Sister Marie of Saint Peter) and medals will be available and there are a few novena booklets. You can contact me, Jacqui Shaw, at church or by email [jacquimshaw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jacquimshaw@yahoo.co.uk) or tel: 01732 355019 for more information.

**REPOSITORY CORPUS CHRISTI** There is a good selection of books and booklets for Lenten reading available for sale. Please do browse. Please put money in 'Repository' box in wall.

**SVP CORPUS CHRISTI** Donations of non-perishable food items, no clothes, please. Items can be left in the boxes in the Narthex. A voucher or money donation are very welcome.

**FLOWER LADIES AT CORPUS CHRISTI** are recruiting for more flower arrangers If this is something you might be interested in please contact Amy Stead 01732 352989 for more information.

**TABLE TOP SALE** on March 11<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-1.00pm in St Justus Church Hall. Items still needed! Anything that is saleable for church stalls! Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854

**THANK YOU** for recent monetary donations to the Paddock Wood Food bank as well as food donations which have been gratefully received.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:** Danny Henry, Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Jim Ford, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, John Seeley and Brian Wilkins. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Kathleen Brewer, Mildred West, Hasso von Bredow, Joseph Lorrington, Catherine Singleton, Reginald Sullivan, Frances Bourne, Patrick Blake, Peter Elton, William Wright, Peggy Levett, Joan Brennan, Roy Moon and Trude Zehntner,