



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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GATHERING FOR CONTINUOUS PRAYER

Last Thursday we celebrated the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, when we commemorated the completion of the earthly work of the redemption of Jesus. The feast also reminds us that the life and ministry of Jesus is continued through his disciples, the Church. The Ascension of the Lord reaffirmed his disciples that Jesus has defeated death and now elevated himself into Heaven. Thus the disciples reconfirmed their faith that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus finally asked his disciples to wait prayerfully for the Holy Spirit. The disciples became more aware that the Holy Spirit would be the guiding principle in their lives and in the life of the community. This waiting period is a time of preparation for Pentecost. In the first reading for this weekend we read that after the Ascension, the disciples gathered together with Mother Mary in the upper room and joined in continuous prayer. "...when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; all these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. (Acts 1:12-14). As the disciples and Blessed Mother prepared themselves to receive the Holy Spirit, let us spend time in prayer with the parish community as well as in the family in order to live with an awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. We shall say the following prayer this week. Fr. Saju

*Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.
Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy (St. Augustine).*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 20th May 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

SATURDAY 20 th May	12noon 6.00pm	Baptisms Vincent Almeida RIP (Almeida family)
SUNDAY 21 st May	8.30am	St Justus: Celia O'Neal RIP (Dermot O'Neil)
	10.00am	Harold Blackaby RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 22 nd May	10.00am	Keith Bayross RIP (Brian Bayross)
TUESDAY 23 rd May	10.00am	St Justus: Keziah & Kabibi Thorne RIP (Tony & Beverley Thorne) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 24 th May		<i>Mass will be celebrated privately for Father Francis Bird</i>
THURSDAY 25 th May	10.00am 12.30pm	Vincent Almeida RIP (T Fleming) Marriage
Friday 26 th May	10.00am	Regina Daniel RIP (Anne Marie Pert)
MORNING – SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, APOSTLE OF ENGLAND		
SATURDAY 27 th May	10.00am 6.00pm	Wendy O'Hara RIP (Colin O'Hara) Deceased members of Branch & O'Hare families (Maura Branch)
PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)		
SUNDAY 28 th May	8.30am	St Justus: Deacon Reg & Win Grimette RIP (Bary Weston)
	10.00am	Welfare of Brian Wilkins & family (Jackie Almeida)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

YOUTH Club: Meets on 27th May Years 7 – 11. All are welcome. Contact: tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Next meeting Tuesday 20th June at 10.30am 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 07873953423 or Sheila 07840 489204 for further information.

BAPTISM: Parent's Baptism Preparation is on Saturday 3rd June at 11.15am in the Fisher Hall. You cannot attend unless you have spoken to Fr Saju and contacted the Parish Office. **Congratulations** to Lesleigh Joyce and Lydia McCarthy who were baptized this weekend and to their families and Godparents.

CHURCH PARADE at 10.00am Mass on Sunday 11th June.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – TONBRIDGE CEMETERY
Sunday 11th June at 12noon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES at Corpus Christi
Group 1 Saturday 17th June at 12noon. Group 2 Saturday 24th June at 12noon.

This Week in the Parish

Morning Prayer: Monday at 9.40 am

ADORATION: Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm

Rosary: At 9.30 am on Fri & Sat at Corpus Christi

HOLY FACE DEVOTION - Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi. First Tuesday of the month after Mass at St Justus.

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).

**Confession: Sat 10.30 am-11 am & 5pm-5.45 pm at CC
Tuesdays after Mass at St Justus.**

THE COMMISSION FOR PROMOTING RACIAL AND CULTURAL INCLUSION ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK There are various seminars/conferences being held at Aylesford Priory. 'The Value of the Human Person' on 4th-6th July. 'Day of Celebration' Sunday 2nd July. Please see posters for booking details.

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.

STAY&PLAY - For all families with young children. Coffee, chat, play. Wednesdays 10-11.30am Fisher Hall. £1 per family. During term time.

REPOSITORY CORPUS CHRISTI There is a good selection of cards and gifts for First Holy Communion. Please do browse. Please put money in 'Repository' box in wall

PLEASE NOTE: Thursday 25th May there will NO adoration between 12noon and 4.00pm as there is a marriage taking place.

PARISH FINANCE: In March, the parish had ordinary income of £17,774 and expenditure of £14,314. These figures exclude specific and second collections. Thank you for all your contribution. **We now welcome** your contribution to offertories, second and any other collections via card machines at the back of the church and in Fisher Hall which can be made after Sunday morning mass during the coffee morning. You can register for gift aid through the card you use to make payments.

Direct any questions to Zoltan Bendiner at tonbridgebookkeeper@rcaos.org.uk Many of you use Bank Transfers 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

THIS WEEKEND is World Communications Day and there is a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

THIS WEEKEND Maura Branch will be talking after all Masses regarding the procedure for attending the Blessing of the Graves Service in Tonbridge Cemetery.

NEXT WEEKEND Ken Marsh will be giving his annual talk on Parish Finances after all Masses.

NEXT SUNDAY at the 10.00am Mass we welcome pupils and staff from St Margaret Clitherow School.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- The AGM will be held on Monday 22nd May at 7.30pm in the Fisher Hall.

CAN YOU HELP- With transporting Fr Steven to St Justus & St Peters then return him to Corpus Christi, during July. Fr Steven from Malawi will be celebrating masses during July, to cover for Fr. Saju's holiday. Also, I am looking for a volunteer to collect Fr Steven from Heathrow on his arrival. If you can help please contact Brian on 07714-012915. Many Thanks Brian

CC SOCIAL GROUP- Our next group meeting is Tuesday 30th May from 10am, join you for tea/coffee, cake and biscuits for a chat. This month we have the citizen advice giving us a talk, I am sure many of you will have lots of questions. Come and spend a friendly morning with us, bring your friends.

MALAWI CONTAINER TEMS for the Malawi Container - Could we please have any items that you wish to donate for the Malawi Container before **Monday 22nd May 2023**. We still have space available. Thank you. Brian.

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, Brian Wilkins, Nigel Green and Carol Mappley.
HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, especially Fr Patrick Aitkens, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Marjery Shanahan, Lawrence Keen, Joan Golding, Elizabeth Newbould and Roy Searle.