



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Pentecost: Today, we are celebrating Pentecost Sunday. After His Resurrection Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's gift of the Holy Spirit, from whom they would receive power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. The Holy Spirit like tongues of fire descended on this day upon the disciples and Mother Mary who were gathered in the upper room imparting to them newness of life and vitality. The languages of those disciples filled with the Holy Spirit became courageous witnesses of the Good News of Jesus. Today the Church speaks in the tongues of all men and women of every race, culture, and nationality. She speaks with a common language of Christ's love. We, the disciples of Jesus are the witness to the love of Christ in our time. Today's Gospel narrates that Jesus breathed on his disciples. The breathing recalls God breathing life into the dust and bringing the first human being into existence. Here too there is a kind of creation, the disciples are re-created into the new persons. Similarly through baptism and confirmation, we too have been made apostles of Christ and are called to proclaim and spread the Gospel in the various contexts of our lives. Most of us will know from our family situations, friendship circles, and workplaces, that witnessing to the Gospel is not always an easy task. We ask for the Holy Spirit to give us strength to live with faithfulness and perseverance, through the joys and through the trials of our lives every day. Fr. Saju

Let us pray: *Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 27 th May 2023		
PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)		
SATURDAY 27 th May	6.00pm	Deceased members of Branch & O'Hare families (Maura Branch)
SUNDAY 28 th May	8.30am	St Justus: Deacon Reg & Win Grimmette RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Welfare of Brian Wilkins & family (Jackie Almeida)
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH		
MONDAY 29 th May	10.00am	Welfare of Brian Wilkins (Tina Kirk)
TUESDAY 30 th May	10.00am	St Justus: Paddy McNulty RIP (Eileen Jennings)
		Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
WEDNESDAY 31 st May		<i>Mass will be celebrated privately for Fernande Hansen RIP</i>
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST		
THURSDAY 1 st June	10.00a	Welfare of Brian Wilkins (Frances Hirst)
Friday 2 nd June	10.00am	Matthew Gale RIP (Tina Kirk)
SATURDAY 3 rd June	10.00am	Marie May RIP (Terence May)
	6.00pm	Tegan Currah Intentions (RCIA Group)
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY		
SUNDAY 4 th June	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	John Boardman RIP and for the consolation of Monica (Jackie Almeida)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

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

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.

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

EARLY WARNING! CONFIRMATION If you are in Year 8 or above (from September 2023) and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be preparation beginning in January 2024. An application form will be available soon at the back of all the churches or online via our parish website. For any further details please email

tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

RCIA: Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or would like to explore your faith, then please come along to our RCIA sessions which will begin in September 2023. Please email tonbridgercia@rcaos.org.uk to register your interest.

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.

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 or use the card reader in the narthex.

PARISH FINANCE: If you are not part of the Standing Order, we **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 Aid as we know who you all are: **Account: RCAS Tonbridge**

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

Parish Finance chair:

Ken Marsh tonbridgegac@rcaos.org.uk 01892527270

Gift -aid: Tony Mahoney

tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk - 01732 773531.

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

PARISH NOTICES

TODAY at the 10.00am Mass we welcome pupils and staff from St Margaret Clitherow School. The pupils will be partaking in the Mass.

THIS WEEKEND- Ken Marsh will be giving his annual talk on Parish Finances after all Masses. **Parishioners kindly pick up their Gift Aid Boxes (or Envelopes for Standing Order payers) from the Narthex where they haven't already been collected.**

MALAWI NEWSLETTER - Will be available at all masses this weekend.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES Maura Branch will be at hand this weekend to receive your details and answer any questions.

OUR SVP would like to thank you for your support in the past. The current cost of living crises has created an even bigger problem for people needing assistance. Please could you continue with your generosity - even 1 item a week purchased for our collection box makes a huge difference.

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.

ST JUSTUS MAY FAIR raised an impressive sum of £913.86. **Thanks to all worked so hard behind the scenes to prepare for it & to all who helped on the day or supported it.**

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 James McCormack, Elsie Pead, Patrick Denieffe, Janet Stringer, Bridget Cox, Margaret Murray, John Sexton, Josephine Arcan and Josiane Wilkie.