



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



Corpus Christi

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St. Justus

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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FILLED WITH JOY Our prayer of silence is bearing fruit when we feel life as less of a burden and we begin to recover the elusive joy of being in the present moment. Moments when we feel totally present, at home with ourselves. Moments when our thinking ceases for a little, and we *see*. To be at ease in one's mind is to accept with joy the gift of the present moment. It is the ability to see without judging, seeing things as they really are, seeing things as filled with an inner splendour. To see without judging is to live in delight, to be content to see without straining after meaning or understanding. We are content to let things be. This is true above all of one's own self. We look at ourselves without judging. In daily life we are so used to seeing ourselves in a harsh, condemning light that we cannot bear to look for long, cannot bear to be alone with our ourselves. So, without realising it, we spend our lives running away; anything rather than face who we are, or who we think are. But when we come to rest in silence and overcome our resistance to being at home with ourselves, we see into our own hearts. We accept ourselves as we are. The present moment is full of joy if we can allow ourselves to rest in it. We rest in God and we delight in him and delight in what we are doing. *From 'Finding Your Hidden Treasure'.*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 14 th January 2024			<p>THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH</p> <p>MORNING PRAYER Monday at 9.40 am Corpus Christi</p> <p>ADORATION Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm</p> <p>ROSARY 9.30 am on Thurs, Fri & Sat at Corpus Christi</p> <p>HOLY FACE DEVOTION Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi & First Tuesday of the month after mass at St Justus.</p> <p>FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION AT 9.30AM</p> <p>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Corpus Christi: 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm.</p>
SECOND SUNDAY OT (B)			
SATURDAY 13 th Jan	6.00pm	John Murphy RIP (Maura Branch)	
SUNDAY 14 th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: For the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP (Mahoney family)	
	12noon	St. Peter: Lucy Cziraki RIP (Jacqui Shaw)	
MONDAY 15 th Jan	10.00am 12.45pm	John Murphy RIP (Tina Kirk) Funeral Service for Gregory Hooper	
TUESDAY 16 th Jan	10.00am	St Justus: Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	
WED 17 th Jan		<i>Priest offers Mass privately for Mary & Gordon Collins RIP</i>	
THURSDAY 18 th Jan	10.00am	For deceased friends (Margaret Pavlidis)	
FRIDAY 19 th Jan	10.00am	Janine RIP and for the consolation of her family (Jacqui Shaw)	
SATURDAY 20 th Jan	10.00am	Martin Taylor, Mike Bennett RIP & Peter O'Rourke RIP (Catherine Collins)	
	6.00pm	Vilma Hefler RIP (Eva Trippett)	
THIRD SUNDAY OT (B)			
SUNDAY 21 st Jan	8.30am	St Justus: For the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Tony & Maria Chainey RIP (David Burford)	
	12noon	St Peter: Lucy Cziraki RIP (Jean & John Smallcombe)	

St. Margaret Clitherow Primary School, Trench Road, Tonbridge Tel. 01732 358000 Principal: Mrs. Fiona Oubridge

St. Gregory's Catholic School, Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells. Tel. 01892 527444 Principal: Mr Phil Byrne

Hall Bookings: Please contact the parish office during office hours 01732 353984 or by email. Not in the evenings or week-ends

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YOUTH GROUP- on Sat 20th Jan -Are you in year 7-13 and would like to come and join us for pizza, fun and games? We would love to see you at our meeting in Fisher Hall - **Ruth and Sirja**

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP) Next meeting Saturday 27th January at 11.30am in St Peter, Hadlow. 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: Please speak to Father Saju after Mass to join the prep session. The next one is Saturday 2nd March 11.15am in the Fisher Hall.

CONFESSION: Sat 10.30am – 11.00am 5pm-5.45 pm at CC; St Justus-after Tuesday morning mass

CONFIRMATION2024: Registration has now closed.

Email: tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Registration has now enclosed. Email: tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

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. Isabel -07851062232 or isabelpb4@hotmail.com

PARISH HALL USERS Please do not expect other hall users to clear up any mess that has been made during the coffee mornings or group meetings, that is the team's responsibility. Please leave the hall clean and tidy for other hall users to enjoy who have to pay for its use! There are cleaning materials in the kitchen and cupboard in the entrance. Also, please do not leave food or drinks lying around or in the fridge, please dispose of them before they go rotten. Thank you!

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE COURSE As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: [website.https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/misssion/marriage-and-family-life](https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/misssion/marriage-and-family-life)

PARISH FINANCE: In November the parish had ordinary income of £14,725 and ordinary expenses of £20,173. The resulting shortfall of £5,448 is mainly explained by seasonal expenditures and necessary maintenance spend on properties. Taking those one-offs aside, the net adjusted ordinary shortfall was £718. Thank you for your continued generosity, which the parish relies on to maintain a positive financial balance. Those eligible for Gift Aid, please do sign up for that. A QR code is available in each narthex on the notice boards for an easy electronic sign-up. Gift aid payments can also be made on the card machines in Corpus Christi Bank Transfers details are below but please follow the next step: **Mass Stipends:** Quote ST; **Offertories:** Quote OFF; **Christmas offering:** Quote CHRS, **Malawi Twin** Quote MT

Account: RCAS Tonbridge

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

Parish Finance chair: Ken Marsh

Gift -aid: Tony Mahoneytonbridgegac2@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 is Peace Sunday

NEXT WEEKEND we have our annual White Flower Appeal given by Katherine Hampton from SPUC. There will be a retiring collection for their work.

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

SOUND SYSTEM CC Our engineer was called within twenty four hours of knowing about the problem and he called the next day. There was a fault on the amplifier and he has hopefully rectified this but if this does break down again he will replace it. Thank you for your forbearance.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL We would appreciate your continued assistance especially with any food suitable for babies and young children. Many thanks from all at SVP.

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 Saturday 3rd February in St Justus Church Hall 9.30am-1.30pm. Anything that is saleable for church stalls! Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854. To book a stall Joan Reid 01892 838495

CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE 18th -25th January. The Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Danny Henry, Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Nigel Green, Carol Mapple, Maria Neves, Martyn Bowman, Mollie Mellish and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Cliff Williams and Philomena Shilling, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, Frances Bourne, John Knoth, Una Common, Vivienne Burrows, Mary Evans, Kathleen Martin, Michael Fleming, Eirwen Rowland, Alex Chauvin, Iris Hayes, Elizabeth Jenner and Helen Francis, may they rest in peace. Amen.