



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE FAMILY

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Gospel Reflection. Our gospel theme today is “Persistence in Prayer”: pray without ceasing, pray without losing heart. Jesus tells his disciples: pray always without becoming weary. And today he tells us a parable, the parable of the corrupt judge. Yes, God’s love never fails and God will love us to the end, and even more into eternity. Yes, God is faithful, but what of our own faith? Are we, too, ready to rise up and echo the answer of St Peter to Jesus’ question when everyone was leaving him: “Will you, too, walk away?” Shall we be ready to answer on that day as Peter: “To whom shall we go, Lord, for you alone have the words of eternal life.” Persistence in prayer is not to be understood as trying to change God’s mind, as if God was unwilling to help us in the first place. It’s we who need to change... “Not my will but thy will be done.” His will is our peace. His Garden is our delight. His death on the cross is his gift of faith and a love that heals and saves us all. And will he find a like faith and love coming from us in return for the love he poured out for us? It is not easy to maintain one’s calm in a restless, unhappy world, or to be patient in a world gone mad with constant changes. How to pray amidst the incessant noise and clamour of modern life? Yes, you say, prayer is the answer, yet what is prayer that makes it the answer? Prayer is simple, it is the gift of a person, the gift of Christ Jesus Himself. His presence is a melding of hearts, the sharing of life and love, its thoughtfulness and mutual forgiveness. Sometimes his words are spoken aloud, and sometimes with the silence of tears, but always, always he is present with us. Our Lord is never far and we are never alone. *Fr Philip*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 19th October 2025

SATURDAY 18 th Oct	6.00pm	Gerard Jones RIP (Ann Jones)
TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY OT (C)		
SUNDAY 19 th Oct	8.30am	St Justus: St Justus: Freda & David Thompson RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Intentions Fiona Goff (Tina Kirk)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 20 th Oct	10.00am	God’s Blessings on Tina Kirk (Anne & Tony Mahoney)
TUESDAY 21 st Oct	10.00am	St Justus: John & Alice Mabel Reid RIP
WED 22 nd Oct		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 23 rd Oct	10.00am	Terry Davies RIP (Mahoney family)
FRIDAY 24 th Oct	10.00am	God’s Blessings on Jane Elks (Martina Wilkins)
SATURDAY 25 th Oct	10.00am	Dominic (Gianpaolo)
	6.00pm	Nigel Green RIP (Jackie Almeida)
THIRTIETH SUNDAY OT (C)		
SUNDAY 26 th Oct	8.30am	St Justus: Thomas Isard RIP (Pat Hook)
	10.00am	John Campbell RIP (Frances Hirst)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

WEEKLY IN THE PARISH
MORNING PRAYER
CORPUS CHRISTI
MON AT 9.40 AM
CHRISTIAN
MEDITATION
AT CORPUS CHRISTI
TUE 6.30 PM - 7.00 PM.
ADORATION
AT CORPUS CHRISTI
THURSDAYS AFTER
10.30AM - 10PM
ROSARY
AT CORPUS CHRISTI
9.30 AM
ON THUR, FRI & SAT
CHERUBS
IN THE HALL BEFORE
10AM MASS ON
SUNDAYS
HOLY FACE DEVOTION
AT 10.30AM SATS AND
1ST TUES AT ST. JUSTUS
ROSARY AT ST JUSTUS
ON TUESDAYS 9.20 AM

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 Mike Wilson

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-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 after Saturday 6.00pm Mass—Stefano. Next meeting dates 1st 15th, 29th Nov.

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The Lifeboat, parish bereavement support: these supportive monthly sessions for the bereaved of the parish will re-commence after Christmas. If help is needed please contact the parish office who will pass on calls to Isabelle and Sheila.

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

BAPTISM: Please speak to Father Philip after Mass to join the Parent's Baptism Preparation session. Once you have spoken to Father, please contact the Parish Office for details to attend the session.

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RCIA If you are interested in the Roman Catholic Faith and would like to become a Catholic or need adult Sacraments, please speak to Father Philip.

FAMILY SUNDAYS Faith in the Family group meets on the 1st Sunday of the month. You are invited to the Fisher Hall after 10am Mass for a fun, faith-filled, craft activity along with biscuits and a cuppa.

MUMS/DADS NIGHTS- Taking time to feed our own faith by exploring an aspect of Christianity with other parents in the parish. We meet in someone's home, watch some input to get us thinking and chat over pizza and drinks. All are very welcome. Contacts Isabel (07851062232 or Nick (07851609097)

FROM ALL AT ST VINCENT DE PAUL Thank you for your donations. Please continue to support our St Vincent de Paul collection box at the back of church. There is a great need for baby food, nappies and toiletries.

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE, PADDOCK WOOD are in need of non-perishable food items and toiletries. Donations can be left in the Narthex at St Justus. If you'd prefer, here are the details for an online bank transfer: Community Storehouse, HSBC Bank Sort code: 40-36-35Acc No: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member. Also vouchers welcome! **THANK YOU** Please pass our thanks onto everyone at St Justus who kindly participated in giving Harvest Gifts so that The Community Storehouse can continue giving out to those in our local communities when a little bit of extra help is needed.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026 Registration forms are available from either Fr Philip or the Parish Office. Then attend one of the following dates in the Fisher Hall. Monday 20th October 7-8.00pm : Monday 27th October 7.00pm -8.00pm to meet with the Catechists. Please take your completed form together with your child's Baptism Certificate and a passport size photo along on your chosen date.

TALK IN FISHER HALL 3rd November at 7.00pm. Summary of presentations: Declining birth rates across the UK and Europe present a profound challenge to Catholic family life and the

PARISH FINANCE Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Parish for your generosity. For those eligible not registered for Gift Aid please do consider signing up so that your cash contributions to the Church can be increased by 25%. Please email or speak to Tony Mahoney for further information or use the QR code in the narthex to sign up electronically. Bank Transfer details are OFF for Offertories, ST for Mass Stipends, MT for Malawi Twin. Thank you for your generosity.

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Weekend 11/12 October Offertories:- Gift Aid Envelopes:- £251.00 Cash:-£309.34 Card Machine (Sept): £314.00 Online (Sept): £5,835.00 Donation (Sept): £2,500.00

PARISH NOTICES THIS WEEKEND Sunday is World Mission Sunday and there is a second collection for the work of Missio. There are some donation envelopes available.

CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL MORNING The next meeting is on Tuesday, 28th October at 10.00am in Fisher Hall for Coffee & Chat. There will be a speaker from the Animal Aid group. There will be a raffle. All Welcome.

RACE NIGHT, MALAWI TWIN FUND RAISER. Next Saturday 25th October 7.15 pm Fisher Hall. Tickets £10 to include supper: (Jacket potatoes). Bring your own drinks. Raffle prizes to be won. Place your bets (£1 each) on 8 pre-recorded horse races. Tickets on sale after mass from 11th October or contact Lucy Langridge or one of the MT team of the lucy.langridge@virgin.net If you pay using the card machine or the QR code please add the ticket holders' names in a message. The QR Code is on the parish noticeboard.

DONATIONS NEEDED For the Corpus Christi Christmas Bazaar (29 November, 12-3pm Please put in the designated boxes. Your donations are key to the success of the Bazaar. Volunteers needed! In addition to donations for the many stalls we are looking for volunteers to contribute the following: International Street Food (finger/ bowl food from any part of the world), hot or cold, to be served at the Bazaar by our wonderful kitchen crew home made cakes/ biscuits for the always popular baked goods stall. Or can you help on the day, on a stall, with set up/ clean up? Just an hour will make all the difference if you can't make the whole Bazaar. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex from this weekend, along with donation boxes. Please lend your support!

ST JUSTUS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR to be held in their hall on Saturday 22nd November 11.00am-2.00pm. Donations of bottles, cakes, Christmassy items and Raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.

Cont'd Talk: vibrancy of the faith. To combat this erosion and raise hope, Family Life International (FLI) is hosting. Speaker: Steven Mosher, President of the PRI and author.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry ,Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Martyn Bowman, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Gloria Gorringe, Christi Morgan, Penny , Rena Pope and Rosemary Rowley. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Mary Richardson, Maria Hooper, Peter Bradley and Alexei Moozyckine.