



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Gospel reflection: In Luke 18:9–14, Jesus presents the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector as a mirror to our own hearts, exposing the danger of spiritual pride and the beauty of genuine humility. The Pharisee, standing confidently in the temple, prays with self-congratulation, boasting of his fasting and tithing, and comparing himself favourably to others whom he considers sinners. His focus is not on God but on himself and his supposed righteousness. In contrast, the tax collector, deeply aware of his unworthiness, stands at a distance, unable even to lift his eyes to heaven. Beating his chest in sorrow, he cries out, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” Jesus declares that it is the tax collector, not the Pharisee, who goes home justified before God. This parable reminds us that God looks not at outward appearances or religious achievements, but at the posture of our hearts. True righteousness cannot be earned through our deeds or moral superiority; it is a gift received through humble faith and repentance. As we reflect on this story, we are called to examine our own hearts, letting go of judgment, pride, and self-righteousness and to approach God and others with humility, gratitude, and compassion, knowing that it is only by His mercy that we are made right. *Fr Bibin*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 26th October 2025

SATURDAY 25 th Oct	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
MONDAY 27 th Oct	10.00am	Welfare of Teddy Darnel (Tina Kirk) Douglas Bartram Crossley
SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES		
TUESDAY 28 th Oct	10.00am	St Justus: Holy Souls (Liam Collins)
WED 29 th Oct		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 30 th Oct	10.00am	Samuel & Doris Ramdass RIP (Jacqui Nunes)
FRIDAY 31 st Oct	10.00am	Dominic (Gianpaolo)
SATURDAY 1 st Nov	10.00am 6.00pm	Nigel Green RIP (Tina Kirk) Colin Reffell RIP (Jackie Almeida)
ALL SAINTS		
SUNDAY 2 nd Nov	8.30am	St Justus: Mary Barns RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	Francis X Coutinho RIP (Coutinho family)
	12noon	St Peter: Deceased family & friends of the Shaw family (Jackie Shaw)

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 &
SUN
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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026 Registration forms are available from either Fr Philip or the Parish Office. Then attend the registration meeting (if you did not attend the meeting last Monday) in the Fisher Hall on 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 with you.

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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Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531) Gift Aid email:- tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk

Weekend 18/19 October 2025 Offertories:-

Gift Aid Envelopes:- £190.00 Cash:- £325.21

Card Machine (Sept): £314.00 Online (Sept): £5,835.00

Donation (Sept): £2,500.00 Ride and Stride: £175

2nd Collection: - Missio £277.3

PARISH NOTICES

ROSARY From today the Rosary will be prayed Sundays 9.30am before Mass at Corpus Christi.

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI BAZAAR (29 November, 12-3pm). Please keep those donations coming-details of what is needed are included on the posters in the Narthex. Donations can be left in the designated boxes in the Narthex. **Grand Draw tickets** are also on sale from this weekend. Please return the completed ticket stubs with the money to the volunteers at the back of the Church after Mass, or to Jan in the Parish Office. There is a top prize of £200 to be won, plus plenty of other great prizes!

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.

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 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 Gorrige, 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, Cyril Alexander, Anne Folan, Baby Noel Dexter and Gerry Dearing,