



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Our Lady's Altar The work on Our Lady's altar is now completed, we are just waiting for the carpets to arrive in the next two weeks. I hope you are all happy with it all? A big thank you to William Simpson and his building company who carried out the work.

Gospel Reflection.

John the Baptist is a very powerful preacher in today's Gospel. He is fearless. He says, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" and he calls the Sadducees and Pharisees a brood of vipers and asked them twice to produce good fruit. That would prove they were serious about repentance. I am not sure if there are many preachers today who would preach the truth so boldly or clearly as John. Later, John continued his bold preaching and told Herod (Antipas), the son of Herod the Great who slaughtered the children around Bethlehem after the birth of Jesus, that he should not have married his brother's ex-wife (Matt 14:3-4). Then, as now, when the truth is preached, people get upset. Herod's wife, the ex-wife of his brother, got upset and so John ended up in prison for preaching the truth. He was put into prison because what he said was not politically correct. That could happen nowadays also in certain places, being put in prison for saying what is not politically correct. The liberals are not always broadminded enough to include the truth in what they hear; they only want to hear what suits them. *Fr Philip*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 14th December 2025

SATURDAY 13 th Dec	6.00pm	John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) (Gaudete)		
SUNDAY 14 th Dec	8.30am	St Justus: John Snr, Mollie & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta)
	10.00am	Patricia Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston) Lucy Cziraki RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
	12noon	St Peter: Deceased friends & relatives of the Smallcombe & Pead families, (Jean & John Smallcombe. For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 15 th Dec	10.00am	Winnie Brans RIP (Suzanne McGoldrick)
	7.00pm	CC: Advent Penitential Service
TUESDAY 16 th Dec	10.00am	St Justus: Wellbeing of the Weston family (Barry Weston)
WED 17 th Dec		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 18 th Dec	10.00am	Gerard Jones RIP (Ann Jones)
FRIDAY 19 th Dec	10.00am	Noelle March RIP (Tina Kirk)
SATURDAY 20 th Dec	10.00am	Kit Brown RIP (Suzy Wood)
	12noon	St Justus: Advent Penitential Service
	6.00pm	Leonora Almeida RIP (Almeida family)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)		
SUNDAY 21 Dec	8.30am	St Justus: Keith & Ann Viner RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Francis X Coutinho RIP (Coutinho family)
	12noon	St Peter: Alan Jarek RIP (Eugenia Jarek) 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 &
SUN. FIRST SATURDAY
DEVOTION
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 13th Dec

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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)

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE, PADDOCK WOOD LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS ITEMS, please see parish noticeboards 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. Waitrose and Tesco gift cards are welcome as an alternative.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL are extremely grateful for your past support. We are renewing our appeal for large size nappies, baby food, sanitary wear, soap and other toiletries. As our donations go to a school please **DO NOT** donate anything that is **PERISHABLE!** Thank you.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

CORPUS CHRISTI: Monday 15th December at 7.00pm

ST JUSTUS: Saturday 20th December at 12noon

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. Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

Account name RCAS Tonbridge

Sort Code 60-21-28 Account 71367780

Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531) Gift Aid email:- Tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk

Weekend 6/7 December 2025 Offertories:-

Gift Aid Envelopes:- £142.00 Cash:- £341.18

Card Machine (Nov): £427.00 SO Online (Nov): £6,136.00

PARISH NOTICES

THIS WEEKEND Following Saturday pm Mass there will be Mulled Wine & Mince Pies in the Hall. Sunday 10.00am after Mass there will be Mulled Wine & Mince Pies in the hall. Do come along and enjoy the pre-Christmas get together

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Your Christmas Offerings are your personal gift to your parish priests. Our priests do not receive a salary so their main source of income comes from the Christmas Day & Easter Day collections and Mass offerings. Please bear in mind that we now have two priests looking after our parish so please can everyone be doubly generous. Your Christmas Offerings can be Gift Aided with the Gift Aid going to the Church (not the priest) so please do Gift Aid your Christmas Offerings if possible.

CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL MORNING - The next meeting is on Tuesday, 16th December at 10.00am in Fisher Hall for Mince pies and Mulled wine. There will be a raffle. All welcome.

ST PETER'S ADVENT FILM NIGHT, Friday 12th December at 6.30pm. We will be showing the film "The Nativity Story" at our next Social evening. £3 each, to include seasonal refreshments. There are 24 tickets available, so do let us know if you'd like to come along. Sign up at St Peter's or ring/message Isabelle on 07873 9523423.

ST JUSTUS Sunday 21st 8.30am there is a baptism & Reception into the Church of Daniel & Declan so Mass will last a big longer!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES SHEETS are available. Please take one and keep handy to keep abreast of the times of the Advent & Christmas services.

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 Gorringer, Christi Morgan, Rena Pope, Rosemary Rowley. And James Stone. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Pauline Murray, Noel Fenwick and Yvonne Hart, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Robert Elks, Jack Newbould, Marie Wiseman, Amelia MacDonald,