



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Fr Bibin who was meant to come here by Easter has had his visa delayed, so he won't be here for Easter, but hopefully will come later in the year, at this moment I am not sure when.

Gospel Reflection.

How beautiful is the account of Jesus' Passion. Because the Passion of Jesus was so revered it is believed the Passion accounts in the Gospels were the first parts of the Gospels to be written. The early Christians were so eager to preserve the account of our salvation that they put the Passion of Jesus in writing quickly. We can understand their sentiments because we too venerate Jesus' Passion. As the early Christians looked back, so many events of Jesus' Passion took on new meaning. As Jesus celebrated the Passover with the apostles and changed the Jewish prayers over the bread and the cup into different prayers—the prayers we now have during the consecration of the Mass—we can imagine that they wondered what was happening. When Jesus said, "Take it, this is my body" (Mark 14:22), surely it was only looking back afterwards that they realized Jesus fulfilled this in his death on Calvary when he gave his body for us. When Jesus said, "This is my blood of the covenant which is to be poured out for many" (Mark 14:24), surely it was looking back afterwards that they saw this fulfilled in Jesus' death on Calvary when he poured out blood to form the new covenant for the forgiveness of our sins. That reminds us that every time we come to Mass, we come to Calvary where he gives his body for us, and his blood is poured out for us. It the same sacrifice on Calvary, not a new one, extended through time to us now. *Fr Philip*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 13 th April 2025		
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)		
SATURDAY 12 th Apr	6.00pm	Marian Barlow RIP
SUNDAY 13 th Apr	8.30am	St Justus: Hilda Bache RIP
	10.00am	Anthony Johnston RIP
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 14 th Apr	10.00am	Fr William Donogue
TUESDAY 15 th Apr	10.00am 10.30am	St Justus: Eric David Thorpe RIP (Eileen Thorpe) Stations of the Cross
WED 16 th Apr	10.00am	<i>Chrism Mass at the Cathedral</i> St Peter: Stations of the Cross
MAUNDY THURSDAY		
THURSDAY 17 th Apr	8.00pm 8.00pm	Corpus Christi: For the increase on priestly vocations (Liam C) St Justus: Alan & Margaret Lacey RIP (Barry Weston)
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)		
FRIDAY 18 th Apr	3.00pm 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Corpus Christi: The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord St Justus: The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Corpus Christi: Stations of the Cross Corpus Christi: Prayers around the empty Cross
THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT		
SATURDAY 19 th Apr	8.00pm 8.00pm	Corpus Christi: Joy Devereaux RIP (Almeida family) St Justus: Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD		
SUNDAY 20 th Apr	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	St Justus: Margaret Isard RIP (Pat Hook) Lucy Cziraki RIP (Mahoney family) Special Intentions Jacqui & Richard Shaw (T Fleming) 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS - CORPUS
CHRISTI 7.30pm
TUESDAYS - ST JUSTUS
10.30am
WEDS – ST PETER
10.00am

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 – Stefano

Next meetings Saturdays 03/05, 17/05 after 6.00pm Mass.

‘THE LIFEBOAT’ (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)

Next meeting Saturday 26th April 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 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.

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

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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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 Please continue with your donations in the New Year. Cash donations, Tesco & Waitrose vouchers are welcome.

SALUT The next collection for items will be on Saturday 26 April 2-5pm at the Fisher Hall.

VE DAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS in Paddock Wood on Saturday 10th May 12-6.00pm. St Justus will be having a church stall and are need of items to sell. If you have any unwanted items please contact John Murphy who will collect 01892 836854

NO COFFEE AFTER MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

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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Cheques for the Parish made payable to RCAS Tonbridge.

Weekend 5/6 April 2025

Offertories :- Gift Aid £167.60 & Cash £335.77

Card Machine (March) £158.00

Standing Orders (March) £5,597.30

PARISH NOTICES

Easter Offerings are your personal gift to your Parish Priest. If you would like to make a payment online to quote either Fr. Philip or EASTER.

PALM CROSSES there are some available at Corpus Christi. Suggested donation of 30p/cross. All proceeds will go to the 'Aid to the Church in Need'.

MANDATUM MAUNDY THURSDAY CORPUS CHRISTI

There is a sign-up list if you would like to have your feet washed. The list is on the shelf to the left as you go through the main front doors.

WATCHING AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE after the Mass on Maundy Thursday. There is a sign-up list, same place as above, if you are able to stay or to come back.

GOOD FRIDAY There is a papal collection for the Holy Places connected with Our Lord's Passion which have always been centres for veneration and pilgrimage. This collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

EASTER SERVICES BOOKLETS Please remember to return your booklets before leaving the church, should you forget then please return to the narthex as soon as possible. Thank you.

HELP STILL NEEDED for St Justus May Fair on Saturday 17th May. If you are able to help, please contact Joan, Betty or Lillian.

A PARISHIONER AT ST JUSTUS, Lillian Gress, received a Coronation Medal on Tuesday from the Mayor of London for all the help she gave at the Coronation of King Charles III. Quite an achievement!

NB The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 18th April to Wednesday 23rd April incl. No parish emails will be accessed until Thursday 24th April. Anything requiring urgent attention please contact Fr Philip direct philipdefreitas@rcaos.org.uk

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Sally Little, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Nigel Green, Martyn Bowman, Mary McNulty, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Gerard Jones, Gloria Gorringer, Christi Morgan, Sally Little, Mathew Gilliat-Smith, Penny Bridgland, Rena Pope and Tony & Rosemary Rowley. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Mary Humphrey, Mgr Michael Smith, James Gallagher, Anthony Johnston, Eric Thorpe and Patrick Ledwidge.