



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Happy Easter I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Easter. Thank you for the lovely cards and gifts I received from you all.

Divine Mercy Sunday. Sunday 27th April is Divine Mercy Sunday, I hope to have a service starting at 2.30pm, which will consist of adoration, talk on the Divine Mercy, Chaplet recitations and blessing of the Divine Mercy Image. Do come along to this special Sunday in which Our Lord promises a full indulgence, by going to Mass, Confession and Holy Communion on that day or within the octave afterwards.

On Good Friday the novena for the Divine Mercy starts, there should be some booklets with the novena and the Chaplet prayers.

What is it? In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

‘My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy’.

Fr Philip

| MASS AND INTENTIONS 20th April 2025 | | |
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| THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT | | |
| SATURDAY 19 th Apr | 8.00pm | Corpus Christi: Joy Devereaux RIP (Almeida family) |
| | 8.00pm | St Justus: Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman) |
| EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD | | |
| SUNDAY 20 th Apr | 8.30am | St Justus: Margaret Isard RIP (Pat Hook) |
| | 10.00am | Lucy Cziraki RIP (Mahoney family) |
| | 12noon | St. Peter: Special Intentions Jacqui & Richard Shaw (T Fleming) For the People of the Parish |
| MONDAY 21 st Apr | 10.00am | Mgr Michael Smith RIP |
| TUESDAY 22 nd Apr | 10.00am | St Justus: John McNulty RIP (Fiona Hodgson) |
| WED 23 rd Apr | | <i>Priest celebrates Mass privately</i> |
| THURSDAY 24 th Apr | 10.00am | For the family of Mary Collins |
| FRIDAY 25 th Apr | 10.00am | Father Jake Dicto RIP (Liam Collins) |
| SATURDAY 26 th Apr | 10.00am | Tai Foo RIP (Amy Stead) |
| | 6.00pm | Fr Paddy Cannon RIP (Maura Branch) |
| SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) | | |
| SUNDAY 27 th Apr | 8.30am | St Justus: Father John Hartley RIP (Barry Weston) |
| | 10.00am | Welfare of Alexa Fisher (Lisa Nicholls) |
| | 12noon | St Peter: For the People of the Parish |
| | 2.30pm | Corpus Christi: Divine Mercy Service |

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**

+ REQUIEM MASS FOR TONY ROWLEY IS ON MONDAY 12th MAY AT 11.30am IN CORPUS CHRISTI

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.

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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 are having a Tombola church stall and are need of items. If you have any items to donate, please contact John Murphy who will collect 01892 836854 or leave in the narthex at St Justus.

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

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.

Account name RCAS Tonbridge

Sort Code 60-21-28 Account 71367780

Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531)

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Cheques for the Parish made payable to RCAS Tonbridge.
Offertories w/e 13th April TBA

PARISH NOTICES

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

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.

NEXT WEEKEND there is a second collection for the maintenance of St George’s Cathedral, which is the mother church of the diocese. These funds help meet the cost of its upkeep.

CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL GROUP - The next meeting is on Tuesday, 29th April at 10.00am for coffee & chat in Fisher Hall. This is followed by a talk by Ian Burns on the Oast Theatre. All welcome.

CHERUBS are now on Easter break and will resume on Sunday, 27th April. We are still looking for volunteers to join our team. Even if you can only commit to once a month or just occasionally, it will still be a huge help to us. If you’d like to find out more, please contact Christina on 07963 783299.

SALUT-Malawi. Please visit our new webpage - <https://starfishmalawi.com/salut-malawi-gateway> for more information about our project. Our next collection at the Fisher Hall will be 2pm-5pm on Saturday 26 April 2025. We really need underwear for young girls.

NB The Parish Office re-opens Thursday 24th April. No parish emails will be accessed until then. Anything requiring urgent attention please contact Fr Philip direct philipdefreitas@rcaos.org.uk

Funeral Arrangements for Father Leo Mooney:

St Dunstan’s, S’Boro: 14th May Reception of Body 4.00pm
Vigil Mass 7.00pm

St Augustine TW: 15th May Requiem Mass 11.00am

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Nigel Green, Martyn Bowman, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Gerard Jones, Gloria Gorringer, Christi Morgan, Penny Bridgland, Rena Pope and Rosemary Rowley. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Sally Little, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Josephine Curtis, Kim Smith, Donald Leitch, Cecilia Sirett, Norma Collinson, Cate Green and Malcolm Chapman.