



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE FAMILY

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The Baptism of the Lord- The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. We often think why Jesus received baptism from John the Baptist. The baptism from John was a very important event in the life of Jesus. First, it was a moment of decision. It marked the end of Jesus' private life, which prepared him for his public ministry. Second, it was a moment of identification with his people in their renewed journey initiated by John the Baptist. Third, this was a moment of heavenly approval. Jesus might have been waiting for a signal of approval from his heavenly Father, and during his baptism Jesus got this approval of himself as the Father's "beloved Son". As the Fathers of the Church point out that the words the voice from the heavenly Father speaks are similar to Psalm 2:17, revealing Jesus' identity ("This is my beloved Son") and of Isaiah 42:1 referring to the "suffering servant": "with whom I am well pleased," revealing Jesus' mission of saving mankind by his suffering and death.

Let us reflect again on the significance of our baptism. On the day of our baptism, as Pope John Paul II explains, 'We were anointed with the oil of catechumens, the sign of Christ's gentle strength to fight against evil. Holy water was poured over us, an effective sign of interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were then anointed with Chrism to show that we were thus consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father's Anointed One. The candle lighted from the paschal candle was a symbol of the light of faith which our parents and godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit.' On this day let us find a few minutes to chat with our family/friends who share our faith on our baptismal promises in order to live and witness our faith amidst the challenges and struggles of our time. *Fr. Saju.*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 8th January 2022

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SATURDAY 8th Jan	6.00pm	Joseph RIP (Charles & Lisa Nicholls)
SUNDAY 9th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: Liz Arthur RIP (Marie Marriott)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St Peter: John Knoth RIP (Lois Knoth)
	6.00pm	NO MASS (Transferred to 12noon St Peter's)
MONDAY 10th Jan	10.00am	Welfare of Logan Moon (Anne Dunne)
TUESDAY 11th Jan	10.00	St. Justus: Srs Dorothy Bell, Mary Ethna & Mary Baptiste RIP (Marie Marriott)
WEDNESDAY 12th Jan		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately Welfare & Conversion Gus B Evans (E Evans)</i>
THURSDAY 13th Jan	10.00	Welfare of John & Marian Barton (Barry & Pat Mundy)
FRIDAY 14th Jan	10.00am	Mary & Gordon Collins RIP
SATURDAY 15th Jan	10.00am	Patricia Fleming RIP (Mahoney family)
	6.00pm	Michael Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
SECOND SUNDAY (C) ORDINARY TIME		
SUNDAY 16th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Bryce Cottrell RIP
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish
	6.00pm	NO MASS (Transferred to 12noon St Peter's)

REQUIEM MASS for John Winter is on Tuesday 25th January at 12noon at Corpus Christi

FISHER HALL BOOKINGS Please call the parish office 01732 353984 during office hours. No evening or weekend calls, thank you.

St. Margaret Clitherow Primary School, Trench Road, Tonbridge Tel. 01732 358000 Principal: Mrs Caroline Ryan.
St. Gregory's Catholic School, Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells. Tel. 01892 527444 Principal: Mr Sean McQuillan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Confirmation: Parents & Candidates: Monday 10th Jan at 7.30 pm in the Fisher Hall

Synod on Synodality -Next meetings:

Monday, 17th January 8.00pm in the Fisher Hall. St
Tuesday, 11th January at St. Justus after 10 am Mass

Meeting of Special Ministers & Readers: Monday 14 March at 7.30 pm

SACRAMENTS: Confession: Corpus Christi

Saturdays- 10.30am-11.00am and 5.00pm-5.45pm
St Justus-Tuesdays after Mass.

BAPTISM Please speak to Fr Saju after Mass.

CONFIRMATION2022.The new programme for the preparation of candidates for Confirmation will begin on **Monday 10th January 2022, at 7.30pm in the Fisher Hall for Candidates and parents.** This session is very important and all candidates need to attend, with a parent please. The course will run on subsequent Mondays at the same time each week, at St Peter's Chapel, Maidstone Road, Hadlow, TN11 0HR).for the candidates only. A full list of dates and more details of the course will be given out on the first session; The Confirmation Team.

RCIA: A Journey in faith with the catechists is planned to start in the New Year for anyone wishing to understand more about the teaching of the RC church and to become catholic. The RCIA process enables individuals to work at their own pace and take as much time as they need to digest, discern and receive formation accompanied by a team of catechists. Please contact David Burford on (07732) 366637 for more information and to add your name to those who have already expressed an interest.

LITURGY: Cherubs- our Children's Liturgy group runs every Sunday at the 10.00am family Mass at Corpus Christi. All children from pre-school age to Year 3 are welcome to join us in the Hall.

Adoration- All day on Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP- starting bimonthly from Tuesday 11th January. 6.30pm - 7pm, St Justus. ALL WELCOME. Come and join our new contemplative group for weekly meditation as taught by our early Christian church. Each week, we'll have an introduction to the practice, a short reading from the scripture or other sacred text followed by 20 minutes meditation.

Enquiries benedictbowmaker@gmail.com or Parish office; Please try to arrive 5 minutes before we start.

NEXT WEEKEND We have our annual White Flower Appeal, and welcome Katherine Hampton to all Masses who will speak about the work of SPUC.

FINANCE: Please continue with donations to Stipends and Offertories which are definitely needed! Many of you use internet or telephone banking so I will give our bank details below but please follow the next step: Stipends: Quote ST. Offertories: Quote OFF. Malawi Twin Quote MT: CHR for Christmas Offerings, in all of these cases you do not need to refer to Gift Aid as I know who you all are. Account: RCAS CORPUS CHRISTI TONBRIDGE Sort Code: 60-21-28 Account No: 71367780 Ken Marsh 01892 527270 kenandsuemarsh@talktalk.net

PARISH NOTICES:

Kindly note that as we have decided, from January 2022 the 6pm Sunday Mass from **Corpus Christi** is moved to 12 Noon at St. Peter's Chapel, Hadlow, TN11 0HR.

Covid-19 Omicron Variant - Guidance For Churches

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That there is a strong recommendation for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab, when able, is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick, and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

STAY&PLAY - For all families with young children. Coffee, chat, play. Wednesdays 10-11.30am Fisher Hall. £1 per family.

PARISH BINGO Next session Saturday 15th January 7.30pm. All are welcome. Do come along for a fun evening!

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH DADS GET TOGETHER:: The next meeting for Parish Dads will be at Wetherspoons in Tonbridge on Thursday 20th January 2021 at 8pm. It is open to all men of the parish to socialise and support each other. James Page 07521 911624 or jamespage005@gmail.com for more information.

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE PADDOCKWOOD are still in need of items. If you'd prefer, here are the details for an online bank transfer: Community Storehouse, HSBC Bank Sort code: 40-36-35 Acc No: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member . Monetary donations in the form of supermarket (Waitrose / Tesco) gift cards are useful to them. Please contact Joan & Liz. Joan 01892 838495; Liz 07981 989243.

BOOT SALE FOR CHURCH FUNDS In St Justus Hall. Date to be arranged. Good quality Items needed. Please call Joan 01892 838495 to book a table. John Murphy to collect items 01892 83 6854

WEEK OF PRAYER for Christian Unity at St Justus, Paddock Wood on Sunday 23rd January 2.30pm-3.30pm. All are welcome.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Carlene & Jim Ford, Teresa Thomas, Ronnie Brown Gloria Gorringer, Mary Girdlestone, John Seeley, Doris Jones and Bruno Raimondi. Please remember also all those suffering with the Covid-19 Virus and its after effects and for those who care for them. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries that occur at this time Nicholas Page, Michael Disandolo, Hattie Atkinson, una Common, Bill Dawson, Vivienne Burrows, Francis McCabe, Michael Fleming, Claire Griffey, Eirwen Rowland, Sandra McKernan, Alex Chauvin and Deacon Jim.