



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



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LENT – A PERIOD OF PREPARATION: In the Church Ash Wednesday opens the period of Lent. This period of 40-days provides opportunities for us to soften or to purify ourselves from our sinful habits and to get ready to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with a renewed commitment to follow Christ. 'Forty' is a number with implications in the Bible. God caused it to rain for forty days and forty nights to cleanse the earth (Gen. 7:12). The Israelites were in the wilderness for forty years. Moses spent forty days and forty nights on Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:28) and Elijah journeyed forty days and forty nights to Mount Horeb (1Kgs 19:8). Jesus fasted for forty days.

This period of forty days preparation which begins by receiving ashes on our forehead with a prayer, '*Repent, and believe in the Gospel*', facilitates a time to transform *hatred into love, conflict into peace, death into eternal life*. The Church receives this expressive rite of the imposition of ashes from an ancient Jewish tradition. For the Jews, pouring ashes on the head was a sign of public sorrow and repentance. Therefore, this rite is not a private affair. It is a community act. Let us therefore as a Parish family, gather on Ash Wednesday in the parish and subsequently use the various available opportunities in the parish to prepare us for reconciliation and renewal in Lent. Opportunities such as the weekly Lenten retreat online talks 'Saving Grace' from our Archbishop John Wilson, the Way of the Cross at the three churches in the parish, Meditation and resources available on the parish website etc., will help us in this preparation. I wish you all a Holy Lent. **Fr. Saju.**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 26th February 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY (C) ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY 26 th Feb	6.00pm	God's Blessings on Jimmy Durkan
SUNDAY 27 th Feb	8.30am	St Justus: Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Alice Martin (Watson Family)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish
	6.00pm	NO MASS (Transferred to 12noon St Peter's)
MONDAY 28 th Feb	10.00am	Tom Gallagher RIP (Jane Garrigan)
ST DAVID - BISHOP		
TUESDAY 1 st Mar	10.00am	St. Justus: In honour of the Holy Face of Jesus (Jacqui Shaw)
	12noon	Requiem Mass for Doris Jones
ASH WEDNESDAY		
WEDNESDAY 2 nd Mar	10.00am	St Justus: Mike Culley RIP (Marie Marriott)
	12noon	Fr Denis RIP and for the consolation of his parish (Jackie Almeida)
THURSDAY 3 rd Mar	10.00am	Fr Denis RIP (Maura Branch)
FRIDAY 4 th Mar	10.00am	Howard Murphy RIP (Hilary Murphy)
SATURDAY 5 th Mar	10.00am	God's blessings on David Burford (Tina Kirk)
	6.00pm	God's blessings on Tina Kirk & family
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C) ORDINARY TIME		
SUNDAY 6 th March	8.30am	St Justus: Brian Murphy RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	Kristina K RIP (Mahoney family)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

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

A RETREAT FOR LENT: Make some space to develop our relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for our Diocesan 'retreat at home' called Saving Grace. Every week you will receive an email with links to a 25 minute video in which our Archbishop John will introduce the theme and the reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat, with others contributing. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside what space you can for Saving Grace! For more information visit:

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>

YOUTH is starting on Saturday the **5th of March** in Fisher Hall at 7pm. It shall run fortnightly from 7-8pm (after the Saturday vigil Mass). Years 7 – 11 are welcome

Email: tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk or Ask James Shaghghi 07860356157

Meeting of Special Ministers & Readers: Monday 21st March 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm led by Hannah Vaughan-Spruce in the Fisher Hall. This meeting will help us to reflect on this ministry and then to organise it as we are allowed to visit the sick/housebound.

LENT: Stations of the Cross Fridays 7.30pm at Corpus Christi. St Justus: Tuesdays after Mass,

SACRAMENTS:

Confession at 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.

Next First Holy Communion session: Group 1 – Tue 1st March at 5 pm in the Fisher Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT'S MEETINGS are now on Tuesday 15th March 8pm and Tuesday 17th May 8pm in the church. The changes had to be made as the Catechists take the Confirmation classes on a Monday evening. **Email:** tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

Next Confirmation session: on Monday 28th Feb in the Fisher Hall. Monday 7th March session is in the Fisher Hall. email: tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

RCIA: A Journey in faith will start on **11th March** from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm in Corpus Christi . Please contact David Burford on tonbridgercia@rcaos.org.uk for more information.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP - starting weekly from Tuesday 8th March from 6.30pm - 7pm. Corpus Christi. All welcome to join our new contemplative group for weekly meditation as taught by our early Christian churchemail benedictbowmaker@gmail.com.

Cherubsour Children's Liturgy group runs every Sunday at the 10.00am Mass. All children from pre-school age to Year 3 are welcome to join us in the Hall.

PARISH FINANCE: 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

Please contact - **Ken Marsh** 01892 527270

PARISH NOTICES THIS WEEKEND: CLERGY SUPPORT

FUND-there is a second collection for the diocese Sick & retired Clergy Fund. Envelopes are available today for you to bring back next weekend. Gift-aiders please use the relevant envelope.

Maintenance Works- You will notice scaffolding at Corpus Christi; the ridge lead flashing due to STORM EUNICE has lifted and requires attention. A complete check on all parish properties was made last Sunday and except for some fence damage, we are thankfully unscathed.

NEXT WEEKEND: There will be a second collection for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese. Gift-aiders please use the relevant envelope.

NEXT WEEKEND Paul Whittle will be talking to us about the work of CAFOD after all Masses. Family Fast Day is on Friday 13th March. envelopes will be given out, please bring them back the following week-end and put in the second collection which will be for the work of CAFOD.

St. Margaret School: We welcome Years 4-6 to Friday Mass and tour of the church on Fridays in the coming weeks.

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

MASS IN HONOUR OF THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS will be on Shrove Tuesday 1st March at 10am at St. Justus, Paddock Wood. There will be a few prayer and information cards at the bac of the church. For more information <http://www.theholysface.com> <http://www.cenacle.co.uk>

2021 MALAWI CONTAINER DVD- A slideshow has been produced of our 2021 container to Malawi. This can be viewed via our Malawi website: <http://www.malawi-twin.org> From the top menu "click" on videos - then from the drop down menu "click" 2021 Malawi Container No.12.

TABLE TOP SALE In St Justus Hall. Saturday 12th March. Good quality items urgently needed, clothes, shoes & bric-a-brac for church stalls. Please call Joan 01892 838495 to book a table. John Murphy to collect items 01892 83 6854

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE PADDOCKWOOD Please continue with your donations, see website for update of items www.communitystorehouse.co.uk Please contact Joan 01892 838495; Liz 07981 989243.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE! Is your marriage under stress? Retrouvaille programme –on 3rd-6th March 2022 For more information 0788 729 6983/retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Danny Henry, Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Jim Ford, Teresa Thomas, Ronnie Brown Gloria Gorrige, Mary Girdlestone and John Seeley. 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, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries that occur at this time Howard Murphy, David Hoey, John Brennan, Michael Nicholl, Arlette Remhof, Andrew O'Hare, Austin Dunne, John Jason, Simon Lawrence, Jim Scahill and Mary Boden.