



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Lent as Transformation

One of the recurring themes throughout the Lenten season is the compassion and mercy of our God. God's mercy is infinite but man's earthly life, during which he can obtain the divine mercy, is very finite. God's mercy can forgive sins no matter how grievous but it cannot forgive even less serious sins unless the sinner repents and expresses sorrow; and asks for forgiveness. 'Repent' (Greek, *metanoia*), implies not just regret for the past but a radical conversion and a complete change in our way of life as we respond and open ourselves to the love of God. Repentance demands that we become honest with ourselves and recognise our unfruitfulness. In the parable in the Gospel of this Sunday, Jesus speaks of the fig tree which is alive but it does not fulfil its duty of bearing fruit. The fig tree is considered as a symbol of the People of Israel. The fig tree was a favourite tree of the Jews. It was a tree of peace where a happy Jew sat for his regular prayers. Here is the fig tree that had taken so much nourishment from the soil but failed to fulfil its purpose. The 'fruits' God expects from us during Lent are repentance, renewal of life, and the resulting virtues of love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, selflessness, and humble service. Thomas Merton wrote, "We are not converted only once in our lives, but many times; and this endless series of large and small conversions, inner revolutions, leads to our transformation in Christ." *Fr.Saju*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 19th March 2022

THIRDSUNDAY IN Lent (C)

SATURDAY 19 th March	6.00pm	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)
SUNDAY 20 th March	8.30am	St Justus: Thomas & Margaret Isard RIP (Pat Hook)
	10.00am	Theresa Sabina Coutinho RIP (Courtinho family)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish
	6.00pm	NO MASS (Transferred to 12noon St Peter's)
MONDAY 21 st March	10.00am	God's Blessings on David Burford (Frances Hirst)
TUESDAY 22 nd Mar	10.00am	St. Justus: Weston Family (Barry Weston)
WEDNESDAY 23 rd Mar		Priest will celebrate Mass privately Lionel Bernard Neame
THURSDAY 24 th Mar	10.00am	Felix Almeida RIP (Almeida family)
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		
FRIDAY 25 th Mar	10.00am	Sam Burford RIP (David Burford)
SATURDAY 26 th Mar	10.00am	Welfare of Colin & Jennifer Ingram (Tina Kirk)
	6.00pm	Ernest Sharp RIP (Georgina & Gordon Cuthbertson)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) ORDINARY TIME		
SUNDAY 27 th March	8.30am	St Justus: Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St Peter: Anne & Joe Parsons RIP (Isabelle Parsons)

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

WE WELCOME Fr Bryan Wells & Fr Emmanuel who will be celebrating the 10.00am & 6.00pm Saturday 26 March Masses.

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. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. For more information visit:

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

YOUTH Next meeting 19th March - Fisher Hall at 7pm. Years 7 – 11 are welcome. James Shaghaghri 07860356157 tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

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 - Corpus Christi- Fridays at 7.30pm, St Justus- Tuesdays at 10.30 am, St. Peter- Wednesdays at 10.00am

PARISH Lenten Reconciliation Service- at Corpus Christi on Monday 4th April 7.30pm-9.00pm. Other priests as well as Fr Saju will hear Confession.

"Day for Parish Volunteers - 2nd April 2022 2pm - Corpus Christi Catholic Church - Tonbridge

You are invited to join a special event to meet your local Deanery Mentors and hear more about the Archbishop's vision for the diocese. Find out how we can support you and ways you can work together to help our parishes grow and flourish. **RSVP** Liz Corcoran Formation Deanery Mentor fdmtunbridgewells@rcaos.org.uk"

Tonbridge Area Churches Together (TACT) are holding a second prayer vigil led by Neil Durling and the Methodist minister Sharon Lovelock on the Castle Lawn at 7-8pm on Wednesday 23 March, a date which marks one month of conflict. Please join us as we stand together and pray for a peaceful resolution.

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. Congratulations to Adriel & Aderet Chibango who were baptised this weekend and to their family

Next First Holy Communion session: First Confession – ALL CHILDREN - Tue 22nd March 4.45pm, meet in the Fisher Hall. NO MEETING ON TUESDAY 29th March due to School Easter production.

tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

Next Confirmation session: on Monday 21st March at St Peter's, Hadlow. email: tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP weekly on Tuesdays from 6.30pm - 7pm. Corpus Christi. All welcome to join our new contemplative group for weekly meditation as taught by our early Christian Church
benbowmaker@gmail.com.

PARISH FINANCE: Your donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support. 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: EST for Easter Offerings, in all of these cases you do not need to refer to Gift Aid as I know who you all are:

Account: RCAOS Tonbridge

Sort Code: 60-21-28 Account No: 71367780

Please contact - **Ken Marsh** 01892 527270

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PARISH NOTICES

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Corpus Christi)

If you are on the rotas for the above and are available for the Triduum Services, then please sign up. The sign up-lists are on the table in the Narthex, left hand side as you come in the front doors.

MANDATUM – MAUNDY THURSDAY Please sign up if you would like to be one of the twelve and have your feet washed.

MALAWI CONTAINER DONATIONS - You can bank transfer monies to RCAOS Tonbridge. Sort Code: 60-21-28 Account No. 71367780 please use Reference: MT-CON or make cheques payable to RCAOS Tonbridge, place in an envelope marked Malawi container. Please write your name. In both cases Ken will know if you are a gift aider. Many Thanks Brian

SALUT-Malawi Please bring your donations of new and used underwear for women and girls, bars of soap and money for the purchase of reusable sanitary pads to the Fisher Hall from 2pm to 4:30pm on Sunday 27 March 2022 and Saturday 23 April 2022. We look forward to welcoming you.

PARISH BINGO Next session is Saturday 27th in the Fisher Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome! Do come along for a fun evening.

WELL DONE! The Cubs raised £40 for 'Children With Cancer UK' from their cake sale at Sunday morning coffee in the Hall. Thank you very much to everyone who supported them!

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

SVP CORPUS CHRISTI Donations of non-perishable food items, noclothes, please. Items can be left in the boxes in the Narthex. Donations are welcome to buy items, then please put your donation in the wall box marked SVP.

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

RCIA: Please contact David Burford on tonbridgercia@rcaos.org.uk for more information.

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 Gorringer, Mary Girdlestone, John Seeley Brian Wilkins. 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 Kathleen Faulkes, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Susan Connelly, Eileen Presnell, Leslie Green, Nicholas Rafferty, Josephine Smith, Alan Branch, Lily Wells and Gabrielle Kavanagh.