



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Lent is a period of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penance. Symbolically the forty days remind us of Jesus spending forty days in the wilderness praying and fasting. **Lent is a period of conversion**- Joel 2:12-18 invites people to return to the Lord; their hard and stubborn hearts must be transformed. They had to examine their most inner self and shun their evil ways. At the same time, the prophet strongly reminds them that the Lord God is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us be closer to God based on the three traditional pillars of Lenten observance namely, prayer to encounter God, fasting to overcome worldly interests, and almsgiving to care for others. **Lent is a period of watchfulness**- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI observed that every day, but particularly in Lent, Christians must face a struggle, like the one that Christ underwent in the desert of Judea, where for 40 days he was tempted by the devil, and then in Gethsemane, when he rejected the most severe temptation, accepting the Father's will to the very end. It is a spiritual battle waged against sin and finally, against Satan. It is a struggle that involves the whole of the person and demands attentive and constant watchfulness. Let us use the period of lent to be alert and watchful in conversation without hurting anyone or damaging anyone's dignity. Let whatever we watch be helpful for our spiritual life and involve be a blessing not pain to others.

I wish you all a Holy Lent. **Fr. Saiu.**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 5th March 2022

FIRST SUNDAY IN Lent (C)

SATURDAY 5 th March	6.00pm	God's blessings on Tina Kirk & family
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
	6.00pm	NO MASS (Transferred to 12noon St Peter's)
MONDAY 7 th March	10.00am	Austin Dunne RIP (Anne Dunne)
TUESDAY 8 th Mar	10.00am	St. Justus: Josephine Kelly RIP
WEDNESDAY 9 th Mar		Priest will celebrate Mass privately Fr James Walsh
THURSDAY 10 th Mar	10.00am	John Girdlestone RIP (Mary Girdlestone)
FRIDAY 11 th Mar	10.00am	For our church stewards (Dave Swarbrick)
SATURDAY 12 th Mar	10.00am	Jane Lys RIP (Gilliat-Smith family)
	6.00pm	God's blessings on Mary Wand & family
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C) ORDINARY TIME		
SUNDAY 13 th March	8.30am	St Justus: Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Theresa Sabina Coutinho RIP (Courtinho 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
REQUIEM MASS for Carlene Ford is Tuesday 15th March at 12noon at St Justus.

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. 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

Corpus Christi- Fridays @ 7.30pm

St Justus- Tuesdays @ 10.30 am

St. Peter- Wednesdays @ 10.00am (starting 16th March)

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS -Prayers of Reparation will be said on Saturdays at Corpus Christi from 10.30-11am.

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 Oliver Henson who was baptised this weekend and to his family.

Next First Holy Communion session: Group 2 – Tue 8th March at 5 pm in the Fisher Hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT'S MEETINGS

on Tuesday 15th March in the **church**. Email:

tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

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

RCIA: Change of date. A Journey in faith will now start on Friday 22nd April 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 church benedictbowmaker@gmail.com.

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: 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: RCAS Tonbridge

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

Please contact - **Ken Marsh** 01892 527270

PARISH NOTICES

THIS 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.

THIS 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.

NEXT WEEKEND 2022 Malawi Container - Our container appeal will be launch at all masses next weekend.

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.

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.

FLOWER LADIES – CORPUS CHRISTI There is a meeting on Tuesday 15th March at 2.00pm in the sacristy to discuss Lent and flowers for Easter.

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.

Cherubs – Corpus Christi Our 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.

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 and John Seele 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 Maria Chainey, may they rest in peace Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries that occur at this time Austin Dunne, David Bogie, Victoria Hirst, Annie Wilsch and John Girdlestone,