

**ONE PARISH** 

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

Corpus Christi 41 Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge TN9 1EY St. Justus Mount Pleasant, Paddock Wood TN12 6AG St.Peter Maidstone Road, Hadlow TN11 OHR ONE FAMILY



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Father Jake Dicto thought that you might like to know a bit about himself. Father Jake was born in Kinura, Kalilangan, Bukidnon Philippines. He is a Biologist by profession and was a high school teacher. He joined the Scalabrini Fathers in 1995 and did his minor seminary in Manila and Cebu, Philippines. He did his Master's in Divinity from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL, USA, with a concentration in Bible and Spirituality. In Chicago, he did his placement in Horizon Hospice and St. Bonaventure House (a residential home for people with HIV). For two summers, he did placements at the House of the migrants in Mexico, where he learned Spanish. Part of his seminary formation was a weekend parish ministry for various parishes of Mexican, Brazilian, and Italian immigrants. He was ordained deacon in San Jose, California, and ministered to the Italo-Canadian Community in a Scalabrinian Parish in Thunderbay, Ontario, Canada, for a year in 2022. He was ordained a priest in his hometown in the Philippines in 2003. He was sent to Rome to study Sociology of Migration at the Pontifical Urban University and at the same time as an assistant Chaplain for all the Filipinos in the Diocese of Rome. He was sent to London to work with the Filipino, Italian and Portuguese communities under the Scalabrinian Missions in 2007. He was incardinated to the Archdiocese in 2016 by the late Bishop Peter Smith. For three years, he worked as a chaplain in Downview and Wormwood Scrubs prisons before taking on a full-time Hospital Chaplaincy role for Guy's and St. Thomas' NHS trust, which ended last July 2023 after 13 years. He moved to St. Augustine's Parish in Tunbridge Wells in September 2023 as an assistant priest. Father Jake is a registered counsellor/psychotherapist of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy, can speak Spanish, Italian, and Filipino and communicate in Portuguese. He provided Spanish Masses for the South American Community at St. Thomas' the Apostle, Nunhead. He also recently earned units in clinical pastoral education from Sheffield Teaching Hospitals.

|                              | WEEKLY IN THE PARISH        |   |  |
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| SATURDAY13thApr              | 6.00pm                      | Paul Wilmot RIP (Margaret Pavlidis)   |  |
| THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER       |                             |   | MORNING PRAYER<br>CORPUS CHRISTI-  |
| SUNDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | 8.30am                      | St Justus: Hilda Bache RIP  | MON AT 9.40 AM<br>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION<br>AT CORPUS CHRISTI<br>TUE 6.30 PM -7.00 PM.<br>ADORATION<br>AT CORPUS CHRISTI<br>THURSDAYS AFTER<br>10.30AM -10PM<br>ROSARY AT<br>CORPUS CHRISTI 9.30 AM ON<br>THUR, FRI & SAT<br>CHERUBS<br>IN THE HALL BEFORE 10AM<br>MASS ON SUNDAY<br>FIRST SATURDAYS<br>DEVOTION AT 9.30AM<br>HOLY FACE DEVOTION AT<br>10.30AM SATS AND 1ST<br>TUES AT ST. JUSTUS' |
|                              | 10.00am                     | Anthony Johnston RIP  |  |
|                              | 12noon                      | St. Peter: For the People of the Parish   |  |
| MONDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | 10.00am                     | Eric David Thorpe RIP (Eileen Thorpe)   |  |
| TUESDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 10.00am                     | St Justus: Hedi Vallis RIP (Barry Weston)   |  |
| WED 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr     |                             | No Private Mass   |  |
| THURSDAY18 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 10.00am                     | Victoria Hirst RIP (Frances Hirst)  |  |
| FRIDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr  | 10.00am                     | Patricia Fordyce RIP (Margaret Pavlidis)  |  |
| SATURDAY20 <sup>th</sup> Apr | 10.00am<br>6.00pm           | Lucy Cziraki RIP (Mahoney family)<br>Marian Barlow RIP<br>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER   |  |
| SUNDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr  | 8.30am<br>10.00am<br>12noon | <b>St Justus:</b> Margaret Isard RIP (Pat Hook)<br>For the People of the Parish<br><b>St Peter</b> : Tom Gallaher RIP (Jane Garrigan) |  |

St. Margaret Clitherow Primary School, Trench Road, Tonbridge Tel. 01732 358000 Principal: Mrs. Fiona Oubridge St. Gregory's Catholic School, Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells. Tel. 01892 527444 Headteacher: Mr Mike Wilson Hall Bookings: Please contact the parish office during office hours 01732 353984 or by email. Not in the evenings or week-ends

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL RECEPTION TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO FATHER SAJU IN THE FISHER HALL STAIGHT AFTER 6.00PM MASS.

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 -Ruth and Sirja

**'THE LIFEBOAT'** (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP) Next meeting Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Saju after Mass to join the prep session. The next one is Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11.15am in the hall,

**CONFESSION:** Sat 10.30am – 11.00am 5pm-5.45 pm at CC; St Justus-after Tuesday morning mass

**CONFIRMATION2024** On Easter break next session Saturday 20th April 4.30pm

tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

**FIRST HOLYCOMMUNION** On Easter break next session Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 5.00pm in the Fisher Hall. Emailtonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

**FAMILY SUNDAYS** - Every 1st Sunday of the month, families 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. Contact Isabel (07851062232) or Nick (07851609097) if you'd like to know any more, or talk to anyone already involved after church.

PADDOCK WOOD FOOD BANK are requesting food items. Waitrose & Tesco gift cards are very acceptable & online bank transfers: Community Storehouse Sort code: 40-36-35ACC no: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL(**SVP**) We would appreciate your continued assistance especially with any food suitable for babies and young children. Many thanks from all at SVP.

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

Tuesday evenings at 8pm at St Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks from 23rd April to 25th May, an a day retreat on 18th May at St George's Cathedral. For details and registration go to the website bit.ly/LISS2024

WE WELCOME Fr Ed Tomlinson who will be celebrating Sat 6.00pm Mass and Fr Joe O'Connor who will be celebrating Sunday 10.00am ,12 noon Masses & Mon 10.00am **PARISH FINANCE**: Thank you for your continued generosity, which the parish depends on for sustainable financial health. Those eligible for Gift Aid, please do sign up for that. A QR code is available in each narthex on the notice boards for an easy electronic sign-up. Offertories and Gift aid payments can also be made on the <u>Card Machines</u> in Corpus Christi.Bank Transfers details are below, please follow the next step: Mass Stipends: Quote ST; Offertories: Quote OFF; Malawi Twin Quote MT, Easter Offering Quote ESTR.

## Account:RCASTonbridge Sort Code: 60-21-28; Account No: 71367780 Parish Finance chair:Ken Marsh 01892527270 Gift -aid: Tony Mahoney

tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk - 01732 773531.

Can I remind parishioners that cheques for the parish need to be made out to 'RCAS Tonbridge'- Many thanks. Ken

PARISH NOTICES-THIS WEEKEND There is a special retiring collection for Father Saju.

**NEXT WEEKEND** There is a second collection for Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education) this collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. There are some envelopes with further information about giving in the narthex.

**PARISH COUNCIL AGM** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in the Fisher Hall. This is provisional at the moment until Father Jake's availability is confirmed.

JAMES PAGE IS RUNNING THE KENT SPRING MARATHON on 14th April 2024 and raising money for the Malawi Twinproject. The aim is to raise £500 to support the current aims and in memory of Brian Wilkins. You can support him by donating to his online fundraising page:

<u>www.gofundme.com/f/malamarathon2024</u>The link is also accessible via the Malawi Twin website homepage.

**ITEMS NEEDED** for the next Table-Top sale in St Justus Church Hall. Anything that is saleable! Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854.

NB AFTER SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Mass to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April (incl) we have no resident priest. Should you need a priest for an emergency hospital sick call pleast contact Tunbridge Wells parish 01892 522525

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw,Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry,RonnieBrown,MaryGirdlestone, Nigel Green, CarolMappley, Martyn Bowmanand, John & Mary McNulty, Frank Moffatt and Brian Bayross .HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Marcella Webb,and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time,Mgr Michael Smith, James Gallagher, Anthony Johnstonand Eric Thorpe , may they rest in peace. Amen.