



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



## Corpus Christi

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## St. Justus

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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## Called to be Shepherds

This weekend is dedicated to the ‘World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life’ as we reflect on the image of Shepherd from the Scripture readings for this Sunday. In the Old Testament, the image of the Shepherd is often applied to God as well as to the leaders of the people. The prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel compare Yahweh’s care and protection of His people to that of a shepherd. “He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against His breast and leading the mother ewes to their rest” (Is. 40:11). Ezekiel represents God as a loving shepherd who searches diligently for the lost sheep. Psalm 23 is David’s famous picture of God as The Good Shepherd: “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures you let me graze, to safe waters you lead me.”

The Good Shepherd in the New Testament knows his flock; so Jesus knows each one of us, our needs, our merits and our faults. He loves us as we are, with all our limitations and vulnerability. Moreover the Good shepherd goes in search of stray lambs and heals the sick ones. Jesus heals the wounds of our souls through the sacrament of Reconciliation and strengthens us in illness and sadness with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Jesus, as the shepherds of ancient days protected their sheep from wild animals and thieves by risking their own lives, died in expiation for the sins of all humanity. We are reminded today that we have duty of care as the shepherds of all who are entrusted to our care. *Fr. Saju*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 21st April 2024			WEEKLY IN THE PARISH  <b>MORNING PRAYER</b> CORPUS CHRISTI- MON AT 9.40 AM <b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b> AT CORPUS CHRISTI TUE 6.30 PM -7.00 PM. <b>ADORATION</b> AT CORPUS CHRISTI THURSDAYS AFTER 10.30AM -10PM <b>ROSARY</b> AT CORPUS CHRISTI 9.30 AM ON THUR, FRI & SAT <b>CHERUBS</b> IN THE HALL BEFORE 10AM MASS ON SUNDAY <b>FIRST</b> SATURDAYS DEVOTION AT 9.30AM <b>HOLY FACE DEVOTION AT</b> 10.30AM SATS AND 1ST TUES AT ST. JUSTUS'
SATURDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6.00pm	Marian Barlow RIP	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
SUNDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Margaret Isard RIP (Pat Hook)	
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> Tom Gallaher RIP (Jane Garrigan)	
MONDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	10.00am	Students of the Spadework Trust	
SAINT GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND			
TUESDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Catherine & Peter Harvey and their 13 children RIP (Marie Marriott)	
WED 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately for Mgr Michael Smith RIP</i>	
SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST			
THURSDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	Welfare of Nicholas Pavlidis (Margaret Pavlidis)	
FRIDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	Tai Yin Foo RIP (Amy Stead)	
SATURDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	For the family of Mary Collins	
	6.00pm	Brian Wilkins RIP (Ann & Gerard Jones)	
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
SUNDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston) Baptism of Elena & Lucia Little	
	10.00am	Brian Wilkins RIP	
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish	

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 STRAIGHT 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

**We are sorry that there is no Confession this Saturday, 20th April after 10 am Mass**

**CONFIRMATION2024** Next session Saturday 20th April 4.30pm

[tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** On Easter break next session Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 5.00pm in the Fisher Hall.

[Emailtonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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](http://bit.ly/LISS2024)**

### 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 **Card Machines** in Corpus Christi. Bank Transfers details are below, please follow the next step: **Mass Stipends:** Quote ST; **Offertories:** Quote OFF; **Malawi Twin** Quote MT

**Account: RCASTonbridge**

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**Parish Finance chair: Ken Marsh**

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**Gift -aid: Tony Mahoney**

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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 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.

**NEXT WEEKEND** there is a second collection for the Maintenance of St George's Cathedral, the mother church of the diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL GROUP** - The next meeting is on Tuesday, 30th April at 10.00am for coffee/tea, biscuits & chat in Fisher Hall. This is followed by a presentation from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. All welcome.

**PARISH COUNCIL AGM** is confirmed to take place on May 13th in Fisher Hall at 7.30pm. The Agenda and Nomination forms for the various societies are in the narthex of all three churches from this weekend onwards. Ken Marsh (Secretary)

**FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION** will be starting again on 4th May at 9.30am at Corpus Christi before 10am Mass. This will comprise the recitation of the rosary plus a few extra prayers as before. After Mass we will have the Holy Face Devotion as usual, but there will be an opportunity for confession and private prayer from 10.30 - 11am.

**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.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:** Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Nigel Green, Carol Mappley, Martyn Bowman and, John & Mary McNulty, Frank Moffatt and Brian Bayross. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time Josephine Curtis, Kim Smith, Donald Leitch, Cecilia Sirett, Norma Collinson, Cate Green, Dot Eason, Malcolm Chapman, Tai Yin Foo and Ivor Britton, may they rest in peace. Amen.