



# 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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Season of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation. During this liturgical season we prepare ourselves to celebrate the anniversary of Christ's coming into our world as an infant in Bethlehem. God is kind and merciful that He sent us a Saviour, His son to give us salvation. Jesus continues to come to our lives. The Lord Himself said: "If you love me you will obey my commandments. My father will love you and we will come and make our permanent home within you," (John 14:23). A life of love for God and one another facilitates the coming of Jesus into our life. The life based on Gospel values will reward us meeting Christ as well in all the sacraments. You are aware that we have various opportunities to prepare us in the parish. Let us consider in Advent time to attend an extra Holy Mass in the week. We can participate in Advent Bible study available in the parish or to join the meditation to prepare us towards Christmas. **Fr. Saju. Marriage Matters** ([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)) First Sunday of Advent: God's Word is clear- we can only be certain of each current moment in our day-today lives. To live as couples in the 'present moment' more often, we need to apply ourselves to today's call from Jesus to "stay awake". Also St. Paul tells us, "the time has come: you must wake up now", because now is all we have.

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

SATURDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.00pm	Mervyn Celand RIP (Colin O'Hara)
SUNDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Joseph Millard RIP
	10.00am	Ivan March RIP
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Patricia O'Shaughnessy RIP (Keen family) <b>Advent Bible Study</b> (07.30 pm-8.30 pm)
TUESDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Welfare of Gemma (Eileen Jennings) <b>Christian Meditation</b> (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
<b>SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE, PATRON OF SCOTLAND</b>		
WEDNESDAY 30 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10.00am	Gerard & Josiane Wilkie RIP (Christine Rogers) Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm
FRIDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	10.00am	Tom & Gloria Berry RIP (Colin O'Hara)
SATURDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	10.00am	Archibald & Blanche Mascarenhas RIP (Christina Carr)
	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)</b>		
SUNDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Stuart Hirst RIP (Frances Hirst)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> John Parsons RIP (Isabelle Parsons)

St. Margaret Clitherow Primary School, Trench Road, Tonbridge Tel. 01732 35800 Principal: Mrs Fiona Oubridge  
St. Gregory's Catholic School, Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells. Tel. 01892 527444 Principal: Mr Phil Byrne  
Parish Hall Booking- 01732 353984

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND, PLEASE TAKE HOME AND KEEP HANDY!**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Mondays – Advent Bible Study** in the Fisher Hall at **7.30pm for 7.45pm** start 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**YOUTH Club** will be on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Fisher Hall, Years 7 – 11. All are welcome. [tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk)

**FREE ADVENT REFLECTION:** Advent can be such a busy demanding time, but we encourage you to make some space to reflect and pray this advent. Sign up for our free Southwark Diocesan 'daily advent reflections' to aid your prayer. Every day during advent you will receive an email with a very brief thought for the day based on the daily reading. It is an opportunity to listen to God's invitation to you this advent. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! **Bishop Paul**

**NEXT** Baptism Preparation Sessions: 11.15 am on Sat 3 December. You must speak to Fr Saju first and then make contact with the Parish office before you can attend this Session.

**PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE:** -Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm in Corpus Christi

**PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, which also ends the Advent Bible Study.

**SACRAMENTS: Confessions -Corpus Christi:** Saturdays- 10.30am-11.00am and 5.00pm-5.45pm. **St Justus:** Tuesdays after Mass.

**ADORATION** All day on Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm: Anne - 01732 773531.

**ROSARY:** Fridays 9.30am and Saturdays 9.30am at Corpus Christi followed by Mass.

**HOLY FACE DEVOTION** - Prayers of Reparation for sins of Blasphemy. Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi and also 1st Tuesdays of the month at St. Justus' at 10.30am. For more information please email: [jacquimshaw@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jacquimshaw@yahoo.co.uk)

**CHERUBS** Our children's liturgy, runs during the 10am Mass every Sunday. All children from pre-school until Holy Communion are welcome to join us in the Fisher Hall for songs, activities and prayer: Contact- Emily (07934086526).

**FAITH IN THE FAMILY**-For families who will be journeying together in faith over the year. Those families meet in the Fisher Hall after 10am Mass on the first Sunday of every month.

**REPOSITORY CORPUS CHRISTI** Varied selection Advent Calendars, Advent Candles and Christmas Cards are now on sale. Please put monies in wall box marked 'Repository'.

**Parish Administrator Employment opportunity- St. Dunstan's RC in Southborough** is seeking someone to support in comprehensive secretarial and administrative matters for the parish. 12 hours per week. DBS clearance may be required. Email CV to [southborough@rcaos.org](mailto:southborough@rcaos.org) **closing date 30 November**. Please do not apply if you do not have current permission to work in the UK.

**PARISH FINANCE:** Your donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support. Many of you use internet or telephone banking so our bank details are below but please follow the next step: Mass Stipends: Quote ST. Offertories: Quote OFF. Christmas Offering: Quote CHRS. Malawi Twin Quote MT; 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**

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**PARISH NOTICES-FIRE DRILLS** Thank you to everyone for their co-operation in the recent Fire Drills at Corpus Christi. The evacuation time for 6pm Mass was 58 seconds – a new record, and for 10.00am Mass 2 minutes 14 seconds. Dave Swarbrick.

**CC SOCIAL GROUP** - Our Next Meeting is Tuesday (29th November 2022), come & join us from 10am for tea / coffee, cake & a chat. Our speaker this month is from the Hospice in the Weald. There will be a raffle.

**PARISH BINGO** - Our next Bingo session is on Saturday 3rd December 2022. Arrive 7pm, Eyes Down at 7-30pm. Bring your friends!

**PRAYER FRIENDS** If you would like to be a Prayer Friend to one of this year's First Holy Communicants please take one of the letters at the back of the church.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP.** The parish Bereavement Support Group will meet on third Tuesday of month at 10.30am in the Fisher Hall. Any bereaved parishioners are most welcome to come for coffee, and a chance to reflect, talk and find support. More details on parish Facebook page and website, or from Sheila (07840 489204) or Isabelle (07873953423).

**ST MARGARETS CLITHEROW SCHOOL** would love to invite you and your friends to the Christmas Fair shopping evening. It is on Friday 2nd December between 7-9pm full of local businesses. Please do come along to support this lovely event and also find some amazing Christmas gifts

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

**ST. JUSTUS:** The Fire talk, followed by the Fire drill will take place this Sunday 27th November.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** St Justus Church Hall. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December **10.00am-1.00pm**. Donations of bottles, cakes, gifts and other suitable items needed to make event go with a bang of festive cheer! Also, donations for raffle prizes welcome. Donations can be left at St Justus or Parish Office – clearly marked. Your generosity is always much appreciated.

**SELECTION** of lovely handmade Christmas cards and boxed Christmas cards for sale in narthex at St Justus.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:** Danny Henry, Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Jim Ford, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, John Seeley, Brian Wilkins, Ivan Leigh, and Vincent Almeida. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Charlotte Ford, Teresa Thomas may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Honora Read, Patrick Noone, Joseph Annalls, Connie Bell, Tom O' Dwyer, Janet Peerless, Michael Shanahan, Monica Gryzb, Michelle Weston, Joseph Millard, Peter Pointet, John Ashelford and Paul Whitaker.