



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Gaudete Sunday -The Lord is coming is the recurring theme in the season of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent is called “Gaudete Sunday” because today’s Mass begins with the opening antiphon: “Gaudete in Domino semper”, “Rejoice in the Lord always.” The antiphon reminds us that we are preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus; and we light the rose candle. Isaiah in the first reading reassures the people of Israel who are returning from exile to Jerusalem that God will re-establish the glory of Israel. This will be a new era of joy and peace. Similarly the advent of Jesus brings forth peace and joy. Jesus said to John’s disciples, ‘Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.’ Advent is a season for us to place our faith in the Lord that we may find courage and confidence to address our anxieties and worries of daily life. **Fr. Saju.**

Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)- John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus’ coming. When Jesus came, the Magi brought gifts. We are preparing gifts for our family and friends. When you married, and every day since, you have gifted yourself... entrusted yourselves to each other, do you still cherish the gift? How much has trust helped you on your journey together?

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 10th December 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) (A)

SATURDAY 10 th Dec	6.00pm	Patricia Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
SUNDAY 11 th Dec	8.30am	St Justus: John snr, Molly & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St. Peter: Maria and Harold Waller RIP (Isabelle Parsons)
MONDAY 12 th Dec	10.00am	Rick Stead RIP (Amy Stead) Advent Bible Study (7.30 pm for 7.45pm)
TUESDAY 13 th Dec	10.00am	St Justus: Antony & Mary McGettigan RIP (Eddie & Mary McGettigan) Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 14 th		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately for Nancy Sequeira RIP (Norbert Sequeira)</i>
THURSDAY 15 th Dec	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Mary Ross Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm
FRIDAY 16 th Dec	10.00am	Eric David Thorpe RIP (Eileen Thorpe)
SATURDAY 17 th Dec	10.00am	Deceased family & friends Smallcombe & Pead families (Jean & John Smallcombe)
	6.00pm	John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)		
SUNDAY 18 th Dec	8.30am	St Justus: Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Francis Xavier Coutinho RIP (Coutinho family)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish
The Requiem Mass for Charlotte Ford is on Tuesday 20th December at 12noon		

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mondays – Advent Bible Study in the Fisher Hall at **7.30pm for 7.45pm start – 12th December**

YOUTH Club will be on Sat 11th December at 7pm in the Fisher Hall, Years 7 – 11. All are welcome. tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

FREE ADVENT REFLECTION: 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 on. All you have to do is sign up and then set aside a couple of minutes each day to reflect! Bishop Paul <http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/>
NEXT Baptism Preparation Sessions: 11.15 am on Sat 4th March 2023. You must speak to Fr Saju first and then make contact with the Parish office before you can attend this Session.

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

PLEASE NOTE: CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 10.00pm will begin at 10.00pm with Carols followed by Mass.

Baptism Service of Thanksgiving on Saturday 7th January 12noon in Corpus Christi for the families who have celebrated Baptism in 2022. Followed by refreshments in the Fisher Hall. This will help you to meet with the families who journeyed with you for the preparation of the sacrament.

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

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION classes have stopped for the Christmas break and will resume on Tuesday 10th January.

THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER weekday Mass will be replaced with the Requiem Mass for Mary Ross. Mary was a parishioner and had no family so her Requiem Mass was arranged so that there would be some parishioners present to say farewell. There will be Order of Service sheets available.

PARISH FINANCE: November Income of £12,587 and Expenditure of £17,008. 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 Aidas I know who you all are:

Account: RCAS Tonbridge

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

Parish Finance chair:

Ken Marsh tonbridgegac@rcaos.org.uk 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

NEXT WEEKEND PARISH ADVENT CELEBRATION -A get together to enjoy a mince pie and mulled wine or tea/coffee after all Masses. Please join to celebrate the joy of Christmas coming.

2023 MALAWI CONTAINER- I have one volunteer to help manage, administrate & oversee next year's Malawi container, I need at least one more volunteer. If interested then please contact me 07714-012915 Brian.

ALTAR SERVERS' CHRISTMAS SOCIAL on Saturday 17th December 1-3pm in the Fisher Hall. There will be food and festive games. Please contact Alice on 07871109333 for further details

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE- Would you like to join the coffee Rota, serving coffee after Sunday mass at Corpus Christi. Interested then please contact Martina on 01732-366846 or e-mail: brianrobertwilkins@yahoo.co.uk

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP. The parish Bereavement Support Group meet on the third Tuesday of the 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).

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

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

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

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at St Justus raised £856.20 It was a lovely social event, a big thank you & well done to everyone who helped or supported us on the day.

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, Vincent Almeida and Stella. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Robert Elks, Jack Newbould, Agnes Darragh and Patricia Fleming.