



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Advent Bible study: The recent Monday evening Advent Bible study led by Hannah, which involved about 25 parishioners, has just finished. Some of those who attended have spoken of a full and quite fundamental change in the way they regard their faith. Others observed a greater personal faith animation, as they went through the six week course and how intensely they have considered their own personal stories of how they had arrived at where they are today. These are some sharing.

One person wrote: The six wonderful Advent Bible study meetings with Hannah gave me a better understanding of my relationship with God. I realised more deeply how much God loved me and that it was personal, merciful and forgiving no matter what my circumstances are. I also found a wonderful link to my belief which in the shape of a cross showed Jesus dying on the cross and acting as a bridge between God and Humanity, crossing over separation from him. I feel that this is a key to the way I will always in the future view my relationship with him. The whole series was a wonderful and uplifting experience.

Another person wrote: Preparation for Advent is important. The Parish offered a 6 week faith series course called Discovery. I found the course uplifting and challenging. It gave me the opportunity to deepen my faith. The course helped me to bring Jesus into the centre of my life rather than Him being in the fringe. I enjoyed being in the same group each week where trust within the group grew, so personal sharing became possible (collated by M. Joy).

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 17th December 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

SATURDAY 17 th Dec	6.00pm	John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)
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
MONDAY 19 th Dec	10.00am	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch) Advent Penitential Service (7.30pm – 9.00 pm)
TUESDAY 20 th Dec	10.00am 12noon	St Justus: Special Intentions Father Saju Requiem Mass for Charlotte Ford Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 21 st		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately for Welfare of Helen (Tina Kirk)</i>
THURSDAY 22 nd Dec	10.00am	God's Blessing on Father Saju (Tina Kirk) Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm
FRIDAY 23 rd Dec	10.00am	Ivan March RIP (Tina Kirk)
THE VIGILMASS OF THE NATIVITY		
SATURDAY 24 th MASS DURING THE NIGHT	6.00pm	St Justus: Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	6.00pm	Leonora Almeida RIP (Almeida Family)
	10.00pm	Carols followed by Mass Deceased members of the Bayross family. (Brian Bayross)
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST		
SUNDAY 25 th Dec	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	St Justus: For the People of the Parish Noelle March RIP (Tina Kirk) St Peter: Alison Beecroft RIP (Jacqui Shaw)

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:

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

THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY

Saturday 24- 6 pm at St Justus, Paddock Wood

Saturday 24- 6 pm at Corpus Christi, Tonbridge

Mass During the Night -10 pm at Corpus Christi

(Carols followed by Mass)

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sunday 25 – 8.30 am at St Justus Paddock Wood

– 10 am at Corpus Christi Tonbridge

-12 noon at St Peter Hadlow

YOUTH Club will be on Sat 7th January 2023 at 7pm in

the Fisher Hall, Years 7 – 11. All are

welcome. tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

World Youth Day: 1st - 6th August 2023, Portugal

Next summer will see another international meeting of young Catholics from around the world, who will make a pilgrimage to gather with the Pope in Portugal. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other young Catholics, to see the universality of the Church and to grow in faith. If you are **18 - 30 years old** and would be interested in being part of a group travelling from this area please contact Fr. Peter Littleton (peterlittleton@rcaos.org.uk) for more information.

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. **NO CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER.**

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

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).

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

Parish Finance chair:

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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 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.

NEXT WEEKEND: The Collection is your Christmas offering to your Parish Priest.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: please note that the December session will now be on Wednesday 21st December at 10.30am, not Tuesday 20th, due to the hall being needed on 20th. This informal, friendly group is here for all those who have been bereaved, whether recently or years ago. Do come along for support, friendship and a mince pie. This month, we will be focussing on creating traditions and rituals which help us cope. For more information, please ring Isabelle (07873 953423) or Sheila (07840 489204).

CC SOCIAL GROUP - Next meets on Tuesday 20th December from 10-00am until 12-00noon. We celebrate Christmas with mulled wine, mince pies & sausage rolls, along with Tea/Coffee Cake & biscuits. Come & join us, bring your friends.

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.

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.

FAITH IN THE FAMILY-January meeting on Sunday 8th. 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.

I wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year. Jan - Parish Office.



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, 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 Wayne Smith, Eva Bridges, Michael Warner, Lucy Langridge, Anna Forté, William Jolley, Rowley Leigh, Veronica Devine, Doreen Cox and Nancy Sequeira.