



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



## Corpus Christi

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TN9 1EY

## St. Justus

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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**Repentance:** On this Second Sunday of Advent we hear the account of the ministry of John the Baptist inviting all to repentance. The Baptist is in the wilderness, location of a primitive life, but he is immensely popular. He is humble. He proclaims the imminent coming of the Messiah, It is important that John proclaims the Advent of the Messiah in the wilderness. The desert for him is a symbol of the religious situation of Israel. John attracts the common people into the wilderness to hear his message of repentance so that they are purified and spiritually ready for the coming of the Messiah. In advent season let us let go of all bitterness and allow God to work healing in our life. Perhaps we need to draw closer to Him. Like the prodigal son's father, God will run to meet us. He will throw His arms around us and He will forgive us and restore us. CS Lewis writes that though God made us without our consent, He will not save us without our permission. **Fr. Saju.**

**Marriage Matters** ([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)) **Second Sunday of Advent** -Today, Isaiah talks about trust and Matthew focuses on forgiveness. Advent is the opportunity to discover new ways to help our partner to trust us and to share themselves. Our prayer can be that we drop our defences, become more vulnerable and have the courage to open ourselves to be able to really listen, to share and to change.

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

SATURDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
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)
	3.30pm	<b>Parish Advent Carol Service</b>
MONDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	In thanksgiving for Elise & her family's intentions (Sue Medwin) <b>Advent Bible Study (7.30 pm for 7.45pm)</b>
TUESDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Wellbeing of the Weston Family (Barry Weston) <b>Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)</b>
WEDNESDAY 7 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately</i>
<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
THURSDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Private Intentions (Margaret Pavlidis) <b>Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm</b>
FRIDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Deceased members of the Bayross family (Brian Bayross)
SATURDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Robert Elks RIP (Elks family)
	6.00pm	Patricia Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)</b>		
SUNDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> John snr, Molly & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Maria and Harold Waller 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

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**Mondays – Advent Bible Study** in the Fisher Hall at **7.30pm for 7.45pm** start – 5<sup>th</sup> December

**YOUTH Club** will be on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> December 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 Gods 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 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.**

**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.

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**HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS** has appointed **Mgr Philip Moger** as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark. A priest of the Diocese of Leeds for 40 years, Bishop Elect Moger has, until now, been the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk.

**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 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- 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.

**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](mailto:brianrobertwilkins@yahoo.co.uk)

**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 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.

**ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL** warmly invites parishioners, families and guests to their Carol Service on Wednesday 7 December at 7pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. 01892 527444 [office@sgschool.org.uk](mailto:office@sgschool.org.uk)

**MASS INTENTIONS** Please request your Mass Intentions early for anniversaries and special occasions to avoid disappointment.



**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 Patricia Marston, Betty Fraser, Stuart Hirst, Marie Wiseman, Amelia MacDonald and John Winter.