



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Merciful embrace of God

The fourth Sunday of Lent is set aside for us to recall God's graciousness and to rejoice at God's merciful love. The Gospel reading for Sunday, the story of the prodigal son presents to us the return of the son and the merciful embrace of God. Acknowledging the allegation that he mingled with the sinners, Jesus outlines the three dimensions of repentance, by presenting three characters in this parable: 1) the repentant younger son 2) the forgiving father and 3) the self-justifying elder son. **The father** in the story represents God the Father. The elder brother represents any self-righteous person. **The elder son** had no feelings of sympathy for his brother. He played the part of a dutiful son, but his heart was not in it. He was resentful, bitter and angry. He was so jealous of his younger brother. **The prodigal son** is any one of us who finds the courage to come back to God, in faith that He will bestow his mercy and forgiveness to restore their relationship with Him. The beautiful moment of the story is that while the younger son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. The Forgiving Father runs out to meet his son. He doesn't wait for the Prodigal to finish his little speech. The Father is overwhelmed with joy. The son also felt the joy of being forgiven and restored to a loving relationship with the Father. This describes perfectly the relationship God has with us. Even when we are far off, God is there waiting for us, waiting to welcome us. Each time when we gather to celebrate the Holy Mass, let us experience a renewed meeting with Jesus Christ. Greetings of Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our parish today. **Fr. Saju.**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 26th March 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN Lent (C) (Laetare)

SATURDAY 26 th March	6.00pm	Ernest Sharp RIP (Georgina & Gordon Cuthbertson)
SUNDAY 27 th March	8.30am	St Justus: Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St Peter: Anne & Joe Parsons RIP (Isabelle Parsons)
	6.00pm	NO MASS (Transferred to 12noon St Peter's)
MONDAY 28 th March	10.00am	Welfare of Brian Wilkins (Tina Kirk)
TUESDAY 29 th Mar	10.00am	St. Justus: Sean Feely RIP (Sheila Brown)
WEDNESDAY 30 th Mar		Priest will celebrate Mass privately Welfare of Valerie Smith & family
THURSDAY 31 st Mar	10.00am	Welfare of Brian Wilkins (Felix & Stephanie Wenzel)
FRIDAY 1 st Apr	10.00am	Patricia Fleming RIP (Jacqui Shaw)
SATURDAY 2 nd Apr	10.00am	Maria Chainey RIP (Jacqui Shaw)
	6.00pm	Sheila Byrne RIP (John & David Byrne)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) ORDINARY TIME		
SUNDAY 3 rd April	8.30am	St Justus: Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St Peter: Fr William Fulco SJ RIP (Isabelle parsons)

FISHER HALL BOOKINGS Please call the parish office 01732 353984 during office hours. No evening or weekend calls, thank you

St. Margaret Clitherow Primary School, Trench Road, Tonbridge Tel. 01732 358000 Principal: Mrs Caroline Ryan.
St. Gregory's Catholic School, Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells. Tel. 01892 527444 Principal: Mr Sean McQuillan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A RETREAT FOR LENT: Make some space to develop our relationship with God this Lent. Sign up for our Diocesan 'retreat at home' called Saving Grace. Every week you will receive an email with links to a 25 minute video. You will also receive materials to use in your own prayer and reflection. For more information visit:

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>

YOUTH Next meeting 2nd April - Fisher Hall at 7pm. Years 7 – 11 are welcome. James Shaghghi
07860356157 tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

LENT :STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Corpus Christi- Fridays at 7.30pm

St Justus- Tuesdays at 10.30 am

St. Peter- Wednesdays at 10.00am

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE at Corpus Christi on Monday 4th April 7.30pm-9.00pm. Other priests as well as Fr Saju will hear Confession.

"Day for Parish Volunteers - 2nd April 2022 2pm - Corpus Christi Catholic Church - Tonbridge

You are invited to join a special event to meet your local Deanery Mentors and hear more about the Archbishop's vision for the diocese.

Find out how we can support you and ways you can work together to help our parishes grow and flourish.

RSVP Liz Corcoran Formation Deanery

Mentor fdmtunbridgewells@rcaos.org.uk"

**DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS Prayers of
Reparation** on Saturdays 10.30-11am at Corpus Christi.

SACRAMENTS:Confession at Corpus Christi-

Saturdays- 10.30am-11.00am and 5.00pm-5.45pm

St Justus-Tuesdays after Mass.

BAPTISM: Please speak to Fr Saju after Mass.**Next First**

Holy Communion session: After Easter break Tuesday 19th April
NO MEETING ON TUESDAY 29th March due to School Easter

production. tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

Next Confirmation session: on Monday 29th March at St

Peter's, Hadlow. email: tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

RCIA: Please contact David Burford on tonbridgercia@rcaos.org.uk for more information.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP weekly on Tuesdays from 6.30pm - 7pm. Corpus Christi. All welcome to join our contemplative group.

benedictbowmaker@gmail.com.

Pope's Prayer intention:

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

PARISH FINANCE: Your donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support. Many of you use internet or telephone banking so I will give our bank details below but please follow the next step: Stipends: Quote ST. Offerories: Quote OFF. Malawi Twin Quote MT: EST for Easter Offerings, in all of these cases you do not need to refer to Gift Aid as I know who you all are:

Account: RCAOS Tonbridge

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

Please contact - **Ken Marsh** 01892 527270

PARISH NOTICES ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

All Altar Servers are encouraged to attend a practice following Sunday morning Mass on 3rd April. There will also be fun and games. Priority for Easter Masses will be given to those who attend the practice. Please contact Alice on 07871109333

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Corpus Christi) If you are on the rota for the above and are available for the Triduum Services, then please sign up. The sign up list is on the table in the Narthex, left hand side as you come in the front doors.

MANDATUM – MAUNDY THURSDAY Please sign up if you would like to be one of the twelve and have your feet washed.

WATCHING AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE, AFTER MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS If you are able to spend some time in the church in silent prayer, please sign up a time to suit you on the list in the Narthex.

CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL GROUP - Meets on Tuesday (29th March) Come for a chat, refreshments served, this month's meeting we have a speaker from spadework's. Everyone is most welcome, come and join us.

MALAWI CONTAINER DONATIONS - You can bank transfer monies to RCAOS Tonbridge. Sort Code: 60-21-28 Account No. 71367780 please use Reference: MT-CON or make cheques payable to RCAOS Tonbridge, place in an envelope marked Malawi container. Please write your name. In both cases Ken will know if you are a gift aider. Many Thanks Brian

SALUT-Malawi Please bring your donations of new and used underwear for women and girls, bars of soap and money for the purchase of reusable sanitary pads to the Fisher Hall from 2pm to 4:30pm on Sunday 27 March 2022 and Saturday 23 April 2022. We look forward to welcoming you.

MANY THANKS to John Murphy who had a successful Table Top Sale for parish funds, he raised an incredible £280.

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE PADDOCKWOOD

Please continue with your donations, see website for update of items

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Danny Henry, Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Jim Ford, Teresa Thomas, Ronnie Brown Gloria Gorringer, Mary Girdlestone, John Seeley Brian Wilkins. Please remember also all those suffering with the Covid-19 Virus and its after effects and for those who care for them. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Ada Nichol, James Syms, John Kenna and Sylvia Sharp.