



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



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Forgiving God: The Sunday Gospel account for this weekend (John 8:1-11) presents a forgiving God for our prayerful reflection. The incident happened in Jerusalem, around the Temple where Jesus had been teaching. His opponents presented a woman caught committing adultery. The Jewish civil and criminal code considered three grave sins as punishable by death, idolatry, murder and adultery. Stoning was used for blasphemy; as in the case of Stephen, in the book of Acts. In Deuteronomy, strangulation was prescribed for women committing adultery and if betrothed, by stoning. Both violate God's sixth commandment, destroying the fidelity and unity of marriage. Jesus' opponents saw an opportunity to catch Jesus out, destroying his reputation of proclaiming God's mercy towards sinners. If he followed the Law, this reputation would be questioned. If Jesus consented to death by stoning he would be violating Roman law which forbade killing by private citizens. If Jesus sided with the woman, he could be accused of ignoring God's law and justice given by Moses. This was the trap they set for Jesus. Jesus understanding their plan, answered: *"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."* Thus, Jesus challenged them to look at themselves. St Augustine sees Jesus' stand as follows: *"Let this woman be punished, but not by sinners; let the law be applied, but not by its transgressors."* Thus Jesus leaves the judgement to the consciences of the accusers, silencing and shaming them. Since Jesus knew that her sin violated the sixth commandment, *"You shall not commit adultery,"* he gave the woman the strong warning, *"Go, and from now on, do not sin anymore."* Jesus acknowledged her sin, but also forgave her, showing her respect, compassion and hope. As Jesus showed compassion, we are called to share compassion to others and not to be judgemental. Fr. Saju

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 2nd April 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN Lent (C)

SATURDAY 2 nd Apr	6.00pm	Sheila Byrne RIP (John & David Byrne)
SUNDAY 3 rd Apr	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St Peter: Fr William Fulco SJ RIP (Isabelle parsons)
	6.00pm	NO MASS (Transferred to 12noon St Peter's)
MONDAY 4 th Apr	10.00am	Holy Souls
TUESDAY 5 th Apr	10.00am	St. Justus: Zenaida Albasin RIP (Simplicia Ramm)
WEDNESDAY 6 th Apr		Priest will celebrate Mass privately Bertha Neilson & her relatives
THURSDAY 7 th Apr	10.00am	Paul Fleming RIP (Mahoney family)
FRIDAY 8 th Apr	10.00am	Fr Stephen Wray
SATURDAY 9 th Apr	10.00am	Maria Chainey RIP (Catherine Collins)
	6.00pm	Jim Healey RIP (Margaret Croucher)
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)		
SUNDAY 10 th April	8.30am	St Justus: Colin Goddard RIP (Liz Goddard)
	10.00am	Nicholas Rafferty RIP (Jean Rafferty)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

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 30th 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.

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 [.tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk)

Next Confirmation session: After the Easter break on Monday 18th April at StPeter'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.

MASS INTENTIONS- Thank you for your continuing requests for Mass Intentions. Your offerings help to keep your priest, as they do not receive a salary from the Diocese.

EASTER SERVICES SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND. PLEASE TAKE ONE AND KEEP AT HAND.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR APRIL: Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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. Offertories: 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: RCAS Tonbridge

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

Please contact - **Ken Marsh** 01892 527270

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The clergy support fund - £770.77. Thank you.

PARISH NOTICES

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE All Altar Servers are encouraged to attend a practice following morning Mass on today. Priority for Easter Masses will be given to those who attend the practice.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (Corpus Christi) We need one more for the Saturday Vigil Mass. If you can help, please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex, left hand side as you come in the front doors.

MANDATUM – MAUNDY THURSDAY More people needed! 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 More 'watchers' needed! 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.

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'S Mothering Sunday collection last weekend saw us complete 14 more boxes for mothers and daughters in Malawi! Thank you to all the parishioners who supported us with their donations of women's and girls' underwear, bars of soap and money for the purchase of reusable sanitary pads. We are still looking for donations of younger girls' underwear (ages 11 to 14). Our next collection will be from 2pm to 4:30pm on Saturday 23 April 2022 at the Fisher Hall. We look forward to welcoming you.

ITEMS NEEDED for the church stall at the next Table Top Sale in St Justus church hall. Good quality items, bric-a-brac, clothes, any unwanted gifts. A big thank you to the ladies, especially Joan & Lilian who put a lot of time and energy in organising the event.

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE PADDOCKWOOD Please continue with your donations, see website for update of items www.communitystorehouse.co.uk Community Storehouse, HSBC Bank Sort code: 40-36-35 Acc No: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member. Waitrose / Tesco gift vouchers are welcome.

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 and Brian Wilkins. Please remember also all those suffering with the Covid-19 Virus and its after effects and for those who care

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 Bridget Russell, Mary Steel, Clara Hogg, Ivy Henry, John Rissen, Hugh Murray, Patricia Mitchel, Anthony Roulinson and George (Dusty) Miller.