



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Last Monday, I attended the Confirmation session with our candidates. One of the prominent themes for discussion and learning was the Holy Eucharist, the Bread of life. Jesus makes the unique and bold claim; *I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst* (John 6:35). Our ordinary experience teaches us that bread sustains life. Jesus sustains life implies he is the bread of life. In this sense, receiving this 'Bread' is one's commitment to Jesus' life. When we receive Holy Communion we are bound by the real Presence of Jesus to live His Life in a way that gives evidence of His Life in the world. For a committed Catholic, religion is not a sometimes affair, not a once a week happening, but being bound to Christ. A life bound to Christ is a life that offers Love as the Christian identity as Jesus taught, "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 13: 35). Jesus has added a new element to the Old Testament command of love by teaching us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that Jesus loved us, with sacrificial and unconditional love. St. Thomas Aquinas defined love as "to will the good of the other." Love means to desire what is best for the other person. This Sunday our confirmation candidates are in Aylesford for their retreat. Let us hold them in our prayers so that the forthcoming reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation will enhance their friendship with Jesus, the Bread of life in their life journey. **Fr. Saju**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 14th May 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY 14 th May	12 Noon 6.00pm	Baptism: Conor & Olivia Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)
SUNDAY 15 th May	8.30am	St Justus: Celia O'Neill RIP (Dermot O'Neill)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St Peter: Yohannan Samuel RIP
MONDAY 16 th May	10.00am	Judith Hirst RIP (Frances Hirst)
TUESDAY 17 th May	10.00am	St Justus: Pat & Margaret Hetherton RIP (Jane Hetherton)
WEDNESDAY 18 May		Priest offers Mass privately Philip Neri Francis Heath
THURSDAY 19 th May	10.00am	Marie May RIP (Terence May) Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm
FRIDAY 20 th May	10.00am	Mirielle Gower RIP (Anne Mahoney)
SATURDAY 21 st May	10.00am	Holy Souls (Liam Collins)
	12 Noon	Baptism : Joel Miller
	6.00pm	Welfare of Steve Sellen (Leila & family)
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
SUNDAY 15 th May	8.30am	St Justus: Phyllis Bennett RIP
	10.00am	Ivan Meads RIP (Hannah Vaughan Spruce)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

HALL BOOKINGS 01732 353984 during office hours or email. tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk

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:

YOUTH: Next meeting 28th May - Fisher Hall at 7pm. Years 7 – 11 are welcome. tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

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. Congratulations to Conor & Olivia Woledge who were baptised this weekend and to their family and Godparents.

Next First Holy Communion session-Tuesday 17th May and **Confirmation session**: Monday 16th May at St Peter's, Hadlow. email:

tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

RCIA: Fridays at 7.30 pm in Lady's Chapel. Please contact David Burford on tonbridgercia@rcaos.org.uk for more information.

Adoration- All day on Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm and **Rosary** –Fridays 9.30am

Cherubs- Children's Liturgy group runs every Sunday at the 10.00am family Mass at Corpus Christi. All children from pre-school age to Year 3 are welcome to join us in the Hall.

Christian Meditation-weekly on Tuesdays from 6.30pm - 7pm @Corpus Christi. All welcome.

ROSARY at 9.30am, Mass at 10am, followed by the Holy Face Devotions at 10.30am on Saturdays (except 21st and 28th May) continuing from 4th June.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE, July 9th at St George's Cathedral 3pm if you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible, and no later than May 31. Get in touch with us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Maidstone. We look forward to seeing you in July!

SYCAMORE GIFT COURSE FOR COUPLES MAY 2022 A new exciting free ONLINE course, for engaged and married couples. The course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8 - 9pm beginning 3rd May 2022 and continuing on May 10, 17 and 24th 2022. Registration link is available on parish website.

PLEASE NOTE: The parking space beside the Presbytery is not for parishioner parking. It is private parking for clergy and office. Parishioners, please use Hall car park.

MASS INTENTIONS: We have become short of Mass Intentions at all our churches. Your offerings for a Mass to be offered is for your Parish Priest as our Catholic Priests do not have a salary so they rely on these offerings for their income.

PARISH FINANCE: Sunday Offertories and rents for April **£17,487. Expenditure £29,042.** There were substantial church repairs this month. 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; Easter Offerings: Quote EST, in all of these cases you do not need to refer to Gift Aid as I know who you all are: **Account: RCASTonbridge**

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

Please contact - **Ken Marsh** 01892 527270

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PARISH NOTICES THIS WEEKEND Ken Marsh will be talking to us after all Masses with an update of the parish finances.

GIFT AID Next weekend. Ken & Sue Marsh will be at the back of the church with information on Gift-aid for the parish.

CEMETERY BLESSING for Graves, Memorial Garden and Plaques on 29th May at 12noon at Tonbridge Cemetery. Maura Branch will be at the back of the church today and next weekend 21st/22nd May to take all your details.

INVITATION Fr Peter will be celebrating his 25th Ordination Anniversary. His parish will be celebrating his Anniversary with a Mass on Monday 27th June at 7.00pm in St. Joseph's Church, Plaistow Lane, Bromley BR1 2PR. This will be followed by refreshments in the church hall after the service. Fr Peter would like to warmly invite parishioners to attend his Anniversary Mass. If you would like to attend the Mass (own transport) and refreshments please email the parish office as they need to know numbers attending. bromley@rcaos.org.uk.

PARISH BINGO next Saturday (21st May) arrive 7pm - Eyes Down 7-30pm everyone is very welcome.

MALAWI CONTAINER - Our 2022 container to Malawi loads out of our warehouse on Friday 10th June at 7pm to transfer to Birmingham the following day. This is truly a parish celebration, so please come and join us and help load. Our warehouse is located at unit 4F, Munday works, Waters Farm Road, Tonbridge. TN9 1RA (off Morley road). Need directions then call Brian on: 07714-012915.

SVP CORPUS CHRISTI Donations of non-perishable food items, no clothes, please. Items can be left in the boxes in the Narthex.

THE MAY FAIR at St Justus raised £700.75. A big thank you to everyone who supported us by purchasing raffle tickets, donating cakes or bottles etc, or giving assistance on the day. Unfortunately, the turnout was low, possibly because other events were taking place in the area.

ITEMS NEEDED for forthcoming Table Top Sale in St Justus Church Hall. Anything that is saleable for church stalls! Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854

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, Ivan Leigh and Carol Mapply. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Kenneth Brown and Ian Pingualt, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Albert Radecke, Mary Harrison, Wally Borland, Baby Liam Wilkins-Mills, Michael Cawley, Jean Croucher, Anne Thonpson, Keith Viner, Gerard Murphy, Charles Weighell and Ellen Piddington.