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Listening Disciple: In his Gospel, Luke frequently shows women in places of honour. The house of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus seems to have been a place where Jesus was always welcome and where he could find shelter on his way to Jerusalem. The Gospel for this Sunday presents a visit of Jesus to this house and Mary is seen as sitting at Jesus' feet to receive his teaching, the posture of a disciple, a man's role in that time and place. The text is prepared within the context of the cultural settings of that time, when there were certain customs regulating the activities of men and women while showing hospitality to guests. Generally, it was not permitted for a woman of the household to sit with the male visitor or engage him in conversation. They would just extend a greeting and stay discreetly away. Martha is upset that her sister has broken the boundary by sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to his words. This was equivalent to Mary assuming the role of the man in the house. Martha does her best by requesting Jesus to send Mary to lend her support. Jesus praised Mary for choosing the better part, the role of a disciple. We are called to listen to God's voice in our busy lives. This is an invitation to find time every day to listen to God, to our spouse, children, and neighbours and then to care for them. In other words, we are called first to be a Mary who sits with devotion at the Lord's feet listening to his word and then also to be a Martha, who throws herself with energy into serving the Lord. Fr. Saju

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 16th July 2022		
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OT (C)		
SATURDAY 16 th July	6.00pm	John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable
SUNDAY 17 th July	8.30am	St Justus: Shelagh Millar RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	Mildred Perera & Felix Perera RIP (Perera family)
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY18 th July	10.00am	Sam Burford RIP (David Burford)
TUESDAY 19 th July	10.00am	St Justus: Welfare of Ken Marsh (Tina Kirk)
WEDNESDAY 20 th		Priest will offer Mass, privately. Noel Morley RIP
THURSDAY 21st July	10.00am 12noon	Tai Foo RIP (Amy Stead)Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pmRequiem Mass for Tom Boden
SAINT MARY MAGDALENE		
FRIDAY 22nd July	10.00am	God's Blessing on Huong & Terence (Terence May)
SATURDAY 23rd July	10.00am	Matthew RIP (Lola Sunny)
	6.00pm	Dorothy O'Hara RIP (Colin O'Hara)
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OT (C)		
SUNDAY 24 th July	8.30am	St Justus: Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	For the conversion of family & friends (Catherine Collins)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

HALL BOOKINGS: Please call parish office 01732 352984 or email: tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk during office hours.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

<u>YOUTH</u>: Next meeting will resume on **17 Sep** at 7pm in the Fisher Hall, Years 7 – 11 are welcome. <u>tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk</u>

NEXT Baptism Preparation Sessions: <u>Sat 3</u> <u>September, Sat 3 December</u>. You must speak to Fr Saju first and make contact with the Catechists before you can attend these meetings.

All Parish catechists meeting: Mon 12 Sep at 7.30 pm in the Fisher Hall.

ARCHBISHOP'S PARISH VISIT – 23 Oct 2022 at 10 am Mass

SACRAMENTS: Confessions: 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.

First Holy Communion Programme. Starts in November please watch for details in the newsletter nearer the time.tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

Confirmation is every other year so next programme will start Autumn of 2023 for Confirmation in 2024.

<u>**RCIA:</u>** Fridays at 7.30 pm in Lady Chapel. Please contact David Burford on <u>tonbridgercia@rcaos.org.uk</u> for moreinformation.</u>

Adoration- All day on Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm.If you would like to join our team of Adorers, please contact Anne - 01732 773531.

ROSARY Fridays 9.30am: Saturdays at 9.30am, Mass at 10am, followed by the Holy Face Devotions at 10.30am.

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

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN Their senior leadership team are climbing the UK's highest mountain Ben Nevis, on 8th August 2022 to raise awareness and protect unborn children and their parents. Sponsor forms are at the back of church. Please put money promised in an envelope marked SPUC and post through Presbytery door or send across. Cheques payable to SPUC Thank you.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Please keep in your prayers three Southwark deacons who were ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 16th July by Archbishop John Wilson: Joseph Gulliford, Allan MacDonald and Michael Etuka.

DIOCESAN FINANCIAL CONTROLLER: The Archdiocese is looking to recruit a Diocesan Financial Controller to ensure the efficient management of diocesan finances. Reporting to the Finance Director (FD) and responsible for managing and developing a small team. This is a full-time position based in Bowen House in London SE1, but we could also offer some flexibility to work from home. To apply please email your CV to HR@rcaos.org.uk by 18th July 2022. **PARISH FINANCE**: June Monthly figures are Income of $\pounds 12,935$ and Expenditure of $\pounds 8,513$.

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: Stipends: Quote ST. Offertories: Quote OFF. Malawi Twin Quote MT; in all of these cases you do not need to refer to Gift Aidas I know who you all are: **Account: RCASTonbridge**

Sort Code: 60-21-28; Account No: 71367780 Please contact - Ken Marsh 01892 527270 Email: tonbridgegac@rcaos.org.uk

PARISH NOTICES: NEXT WEEKEND we welcome a Comboni Missionary Priest who will be giving an appeal and there will be a collection for their work.

DADS NIGHT OUT will be on Thursday 28th July 2022 at Wetherspoons in Tonbridge beginning at 8pm. Please contact James Page on 07521 911624 for more information.

BAPTISM Parents once you have attended the Parents Baptism Preparation session please do not make any arrangements for a date until you have made contact and checked availability with the Parish Office. Although, baptisms are usual held on the 1st& 3rd Saturdays of the month, circumstances can change.

CHERUBS-The last this term is today (17th). Thank you to all the little ones who have joined us this year, we look forward to seeing you when we start again on Sunday 11th September.

PIANO St Peter's Chapel in Hadlow, we have an upright piano that is surplus to requirements. It needs tuning, but is otherwise in good condition. It is available free of charge to anyone who can arrange collection. If interested, or for more details, please contact Isabelle (07873 953423).

MARRIAGES FOR NEXT YEAR If you are planning to get married in 2023/24 you need to give minimum of six months notice. Please make initial contact with the parish office.

YOUTH GROUP has now finished for the summer.

TABLE TOP SALE in St Justus church hall on Saturday 20th October9.30am-2.00pm. To book a stall please contact Joan 01892 838495. Items wanted: clothes, good quality Bric a Brac and good quality other unwanted items. All proceeds to church funds. John Murphy will collect 01892836854.

WE NEED YOU! Can you help us maintain and improve the education of children at our local Catholic primary schools by becoming a Foundation Governance Committee member? We are looking for a variety of skills but most importantly a desire to improve educational outcomes, commitment (3-4 hours per month) and a willingness to ask questions. Previous experience in education or as a governor is not necessary and relevant training will be provided. If you are interested and want to know more about what is involved please contact the Chair of Governors: colin.ricketts@st-margaret-tonbridge.kcsp.org.uk

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 Gorringe, Mary Girdlestone, John Seeley, Brian Wilkins, Ivan Leigh, Carol Mapply and Charlotte Ford. <u>HOLY SOULS</u>: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Eileen Hutton, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Dora Austin, Bernard O'Brien, John Murray, Joyce Law, Mary Crawford and Marianne Bertram.