



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



## Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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**Merciful God:** Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel has been called "the Gospel within the Gospel," because it is the distilled essence of the Good News about the mercy of God. Our God has always been a God of mercy and patience, a God who seeks out the lost as we understand from this weekend's readings. The Gospel reading through the parable 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 takes courage to come back to God, in faith that God will bestow his mercy and forgiveness to restore our relation 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 words. The Father is overwhelmed with joy. The son also felt the joy of being forgiven and restored to a loving relationship with his 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. God's heart is moved with pity for the condition we have allowed ourselves to get into. God waits with longing for us to return and to experience his forgiveness in Confession, the Sacrament of Mercy. Let us celebrate often this sacrament of grace. **Fr. Saju**

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 10th September 2022

#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OT (C)

SATURDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm	Welfare of Brian Wilkins
SUNDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Sister Patricia RIP (Colin O'Hara)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>		
MONDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Robert Moutounet RIP (S Conway)
TUESDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> In Honour of the Holy Face of Jesus (Jacqui Shaw)
<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>		
WEDNESDAY 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Noel Morley RIP
<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>		
THURSDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Doris Almeida RIP (Almeida family) Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm
FRIDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Jim & Dora Austin RIP (Margaret Pavlidis)
SATURDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Welfare of the students of Spadework
	6.00pm	Intentions Jan Harman
<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OT (C)</b>		
SUNDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> John, Molly & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)
	10.00am	Pamela Herbert RIP (Colin O'Hara)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish

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 Sean McQuillan

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**YOUTH:** Next meeting will resume on **17Sept** at 7pm in the Fisher Hall, Years 7 – 11 are welcome. [tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk)

**NEXT Baptism Preparation Sessions: 11.15 am on Sat 3 December.** You must speak to Fr Saju first and then make contact with the Parish office before you can attend this Session.

**Parish Leads and Catechists meeting:** Mon 12 Sep at 7.30 pm in the Fisher Hall.

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

**Dearly Departed Mass** – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am

**SACRAMENTS: Confessions: Corpus Christi**  
Saturdays- 10.30am-11.00am and 5.00pm-5.45pm  
**St Justus**-Tuesdays after Mass.

**First Holy Communion Programme**- starts in November. Please keep updated with newsletter.

**RCIA:**Please contact David Burford on [tonbridgercia@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgercia@rcaos.org.uk) for more information.

**Adoration**- All day on Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm: 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.

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** Bereavement and grief affect so many of us, in so many different ways. Whether your loved one died recently or a long time ago, do come along to this new parish group to find friendship, solace and support. Many people find they get a bit stuck in their grief, and find that talking things through can really help. Come and find some companionship and a chance to share with others who will understand a little of what you're going through. We will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10.30-12, at the Fisher Hall, Corpus Christi, Tonbridge. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 20th September. There will be refreshments and time for talking, listening and praying together. In this first session, we will focus on the main challenges of bereavement, and on the difficulties of saying our goodbyes. **Sheila Sprigge and Isabelle Parsons** both have experience of working in this field and will be there to guide the sessions and to offer support. We hope that together we can find some ways to lighten your load, help you to cope and find some peace. If you would like to know more, or need to talk to us about your bereavement, please call Isabelle on 07873 953423

**PARISH FINANCE:** August monthly figures are **Income of £12,244 and Expenditure of £13362.** 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; Solar Lights MTSL in all of these cases you do not need to refer to Gift Aidas I know who you all are:

**Account: RCAS Tonbridge**

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**PARISH NOTICES:**

**THIS WEEKEND** There is a second collection for the **Catholic Education Service.**

**NEXT WEEKEND** is Home Mission Sunday and there is a second collection for Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelization. This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission.

**NEXT WEEKEND** is the **First National Mass count and continues for the next three Sundays.** Please make sure that the count paper gets back to the Parish office.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be in the Fisher Hall on September 19th at 7.30pm.

**CHURCH PARADE** on Sunday 25th September at 10am for all uniform groups.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME** Classes begin for the children on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 5-6pm in the Fisher Hall. Initial meeting for parents on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 8pm. Registration forms are available at the back of the church or on the website. Return of forms as specified on registration form.

**BAPTISM** Please do not make any arrangements for a celebration until you have attended a Parents Baptism Preparation session. Following attendance please make contact and check availability of dates with the Parish Office. Although, baptisms are usual held on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month, circumstances can change.

**SVP CORPUS CHRISTI** Donations of non-perishable food items, no clothes, please. Items can be left in the boxes in the Narthex. Money donations are very welcome to buy goods, please put monies in the wall box marked SVP. Thank you.

**STAY&PLAY** - For all families with young children. Coffee, chat, play. Wednesdays 10-11.30am Fisher Hall. £1 per family. During term time.

**NEW NOTICE BOARDS** have been ordered for all three churches and they should be fitted by the end of September. They will all provide the times of all weekend Masses.

**TABLE TOP SALE** in St Justus church hall on Saturday 22nd October 9.30am-2.00pm. To book a stall: Joan 01892838495.

**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, Carol Mapply and Charlotte Ford. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Sue Rossiter may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Mary Twohig, Audrey O'Donnell, Pauline Chandler, Doreen Rissen, Trevor Clayton, Vera Weston, Danny Brogan, Keegan and Betty O'Loughlin.