



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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The Baptism of the Lord

The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord and now moves to the ordinary time of the year. The Baptism of the Lord is unique as it marks the moment of Jesus emerging into visibility. Many Fathers of the Church explain that Jesus received baptism to identify himself with his people, who for the first time in Jewish history became aware of their sins and of their need for repentance, as a result of John's preaching. The Jews had the traditional belief that only the Gentiles who embraced Jewish religion needed the baptism of repentance, for, as God's chosen people, they were holy. Jesus might have been waiting for this most opportune moment to begin his public ministry. The voice with which the heavenly Father speaks is similar to Psalm 2:17, revealing Jesus' identity "This is my beloved Son" and of Isaiah 42:1 referring to the "suffering servant": "with whom I am well pleased," revealing Jesus' mission of saving mankind by his sacrifice on the cross. Similarly the baptism from John was a very important moment in the life of Jesus. First, it marked the end of Jesus' private life and prepared him for his public ministry. Second, it was a moment of identification with his people in their conversion initiated by John the Baptist. Third, it was a moment of approval from his heavenly Father, calling him "beloved Son". Today let us reflect on our baptism, the day you heard God calling you 'beloved' and anointed you with a mission to live like Jesus in this society - *Fr Saju*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 7th January 2023

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SATURDAY 7 th Jan	6..00pm	Deceased members of the Bayross Family (Brian Bayross)
SUNDAY 8 th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: For the People of the Parish
	10.00am	Felix & Mildred Perera RIP (PryankaPerera)
	12noon	St. Peter: God's blessing on Nicholas Shaw (Jacqui Shaw)
MONDAY 9 th Jan	10.00am	Charlotte Ford RIP (Liam Collins)
TUESDAY 10 th Jan	10.00am	St Justus: Florentino Albasin RIP (Simplicia Ramm)
	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Vincent Almeida Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 11 th Jan		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately for the wellbeing of George VM</i>
THURSDAY 12 th Jan	10.00am	Charlotte Ford RIP Barry & Pat Mundy) Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm
FRIDAY 13 th Jan	10.00am	Charlotte Ford RIP (Monica & John Boardman)
SATURDAY 14 th Jan	10.00am	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP
	6.00pm	Felix & Mildred Perera RIP (PryankaPerera)
SECOND SUNDAY OT (A)		
SUNDAY 15 th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Alice Martin RIP (Caroline Watson)
	12noon	St Peter: 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 Phil Byrne
Parish Hall Booking- 01732 353984

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

YOUTHClub will be on Sat 7th January 2023 at 7pm in the Fisher Hall, Years 7 – 11. All

are welcome. tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

World Youth Day: 1st - 6th August 2023, Portugal

Next summer will see another international meeting of young Catholics from around the world, who will make a pilgrimage to gather with the Pope in Portugal. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other young Catholics, to see the universality of the Church and to grow in faith. If you are **18 - 30 years old** and would be interested in being part of a group travelling from this area please contact Fr. Peter Littleton (peterlittleton@rcaos.org.uk) for more information.

PARISH FINANCE: 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: Mass Stipends: Quote ST. Offertories: Quote OFF. Christmas Offering: Quote CHRS. 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

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Can I remind parishioners that cheques for the parish need to be made out to 'RCAS Tonbridge'. Many thanks. Ken

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION classes resume on Tuesday 10th January

ADORATION All day on Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm: Anne - 01732 773531.

ROSARY: Fridays 9.30am and Saturdays 9.30am at Corpus Christi. 1st Tuesdays of the month 9.30am at St. Justus.

HOLY FACE DEVOTION - Prayers of Reparation for sins of Blasphemy. Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi and also 1st Tuesdays of the month at St. Justus at 10.30am. For more information please email: jacquimshaw@yahoo.co.uk

CHERUBS Our children's liturgy, runs during the 10am Mass every Sunday. All children from pre-school until Holy Communion are welcome to join us in the Fisher Hall for songs, activities and prayer: Contact- Emily (07934086526).

FAITH IN THE FAMILY-January meeting on Sunday 8th. For families who will be journeying together in faith over the year. Those families meet in the Fisher Hall after 10am Mass on the first Sunday of every month.

FROM THE SPUC AHEAD OF NEXT WEEKEND'S APPEAL:

"SPUC would like a world where abortion unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion.

According to an independent poll, 87% of GPs are concerned that the Government's 'pills by post' scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. SPUC is calling on the Prime Minister to condemn this abhorrent tragedy.

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis".

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES There are a few left, obtainable from the Parish Office. Price: £4.50.

PARISH NOTICES

NEXT WEEKEND We have our annual SPUC White Flower Appeal after all Masses given by Katherine Hampton.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Next meeting is on Tuesday 17th January. They meet on the third Tuesday of the month 10,30am-12noon in the Fisher Hall. This informal, friendly group is here for all those who have been bereaved, whether recently or years ago. Do come along for support and friendship. For more information, please ring Isabelle (07873 953423) or Sheila (07840 489204).

NBI have received four old gift aid envelopes, not for the current year, in the Christmas offerings. Regretfully these cannot be gift aided for fear of choosing the wrong person. Please can I repeat my request to destroy old Gift Aid envelopes as very often numbers change annually. Ken

UNIFORMED GROUPS CHURCH PARADE Sunday 29th January 10.00am Mass.

PARISH BINGO -Our next bingo session is next Saturday (14th January) Arrive 7pm Eyes Down 7-30pm, Bring your friends for an enjoyable evening.

CC SOCIAL GROUP -Meets the last Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is Tuesday 31st January, we have a roast lunch planned including pudding, we will need numbers to assist us with catering so you need to pre-book, either e-mail: brianrobertwilkins@yahoo.co.uk or call 07714-012915, the cost is by donation, if you are able to donate £5 per person that would be great. Your team look forward to sharing lunch together. Don't forget to book your place.

SVP CORPUS CHRISTI Donations of non-perishable food items, no clothes, please. Items can be left in the boxes in the Narthex. A voucher or money donation are very welcome.

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

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE, PADDOCK WOOD Thank you for your donations. Donations can be left in the Narthex at St Justus. If you'd prefer, here are the details for an online bank transfer: Community Storehouse, HSBC Bank Sort code: 40-36-35 Acc No: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Danny Henry, Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Jim Ford, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, John Seeley, Brian Wilkins and Stella.

HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, especially Marguerite Simo, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Eileen Blake, Nicholas Page, Hattie Atkinson, May Butler, Una Common, Bill Dawson, Francis McCabe, Luisa Reed, Claire Griffey, Sandra McKernan, Deacon Jim and Bruno Raimondi.