



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Called to Celebrate

In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah we read, *'on this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.* The redemption of God's people is like a 'banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy.' In the Gospel today Jesus described the kingdom of heaven as a wedding reception which was the most joyful time in a Jew's life. But as we read in today's Gospel, those who were called refused to come. So the King sent his servants out into the highways and byways to invite everyone they could find. They gathered all whom they found, both good and bad because many of his own people were resisting his invitation. The invitation to the people from the byways tells us that God's invitation to each one of us is purely an act of grace and not something that we deserve by our good works. This parable is a reminder of Israel's history as well. God invites Israel into a personal relationship with God but Israel continually fail to respond to this invitation. Jesus describes them as going *'one to his farm, another to his businesses'*. In other words, these things of the world, though not evil in themselves, preoccupy them. They are too busy to accept the invitation because their priorities and passions are elsewhere. God invites all to God's salvation. The parable also warns us that those who reject the Gospel and its message of salvation will experience darkness in life. However, having initially answered the invitation, we cannot take things for granted and there is no room for complacency in the following of Christ but always wear the 'wedding garment' of true discipleship rather than uncommitted membership in the church. **Fr. Saju**

MASS AND INTENTIONS 14 th October 2023			This Week in the Parish
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OT (A)			
SATURDAY 14 th Oct	6.00pm	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)	Morning Prayer- Corpus Christi Mon at 9.40 am
SUNDAY 15 th Oct	8.30am	St Justus: Bernard Smith RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	For the people of the Parish	
	12noon	St. Peter: Deceased relatives of Jean & John Smallcombe	
MONDAY 16 th Oct	10.00am	Jonathan Parker RIP (Hutton family)	Christian Meditation At Corpus Christi Tue 6.30 pm -7.00 pm.
TUESDAY 17 th Oct	10.00am	St Justus: John & Alice Mabel Reid Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)	Adoration At Corpus Christi THURSDAYS AFTER 10.30AM -L 10PM
WEDNESDAY 18 th		<i>Priest will celebrate Mass privately</i>	Rosary At Corpus Christi 9.30 am on Fri & Sat
THURSDAY 19 th Oct	10.00am	Intentions Tina Kirk (Frances Hirst) Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm	Holy Face Devotion At Corpus Christi Sat at 10.30am at & First Tue of the month after mass at St Justus.
Friday 20 th Oct	10.00am	Special Intentions Tina Kirk (David Burford)	Cherubs – at 10 am Mass on Sunday
SATURDAY 21 st Oct	10.00am 6.00pm	Ben Bickford RIP (Nicholls family) For the People of the Parish	
TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY OT (A)			
SUNDAY 22 nd Oct	8.30am	St Justus: Vear & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	Jenty Rees and family for conversion. (Nicholls family)	
	12noon	St Peter: Intentions Father Saju	

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YOUTH GROUP Youth Group After our summer break, Youth Group will be restarting on Saturday, 28th of October. Are you in year 7-13 and would like to come and join us for pizza, fun and games? We would love to see you at our next meeting! The Youth Group meets in Fisher Hall twice a month after Saturday evening mass between 7pm and 8pm. Dates until Christmas are: 28.10.23, 11.11.23, 25.11.23 and 9.12.23 We look forward to seeing you there! -Ruth and Sirja

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP) Next meeting Saturday 28th October at 11.30am in St Peter, Hadlow. This informal, friendly group is here for all those who have been bereaved, whether recently or years ago. Please ring Isabelle 07873953423 or Sheila 07840 489204 for further information.

BAPTISM: Please see Father Saju after Mass to make your request. No baptisms can be arranged unless the parents have registered with the parish office and attended the parish Parents Baptism Preparation session. The next one is Saturday 25th November 4.30pm in the Fisher Hall.

CONFESSION: Sat 5pm-5.45 pm at CC; **St Justus**-after Tuesday morning mass.

CONFIRMATION 2024: Just to remind all the young people that the Confirmation Programme for 2024 is open for registration. All those who are currently in Year 8 or above are welcome to register for next year's programme. Preparation begins on Saturday 13th January 2024 with the enrolment Mass on Saturday 27th January 2024. The Confirmation sessions will be from 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Fisher Hall followed by Mass in Corpus Christi at 6.00pm. Email: tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS TUESDAY 17th OCTOBER.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/24 Parents meeting Monday 16th October at 8.00pm in the Fisher Hall for those parents who have enrolled their child/children on the programme.

FAITH IN THE FAMILY-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.

THE LIFEBOAT (BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT) We were delighted to welcome many parishioners to our Welcome session on 30th September. The Lifeboat will run on every last Saturday of the month, 11.30-1, at St Peter's Chapel, Hadlow. If you are interested in coming along, do pick up a flyer from the back of any of the churches to find more details and all session dates. Please note that there WILL now be a session in October, on 28th. We look forward to seeing those who came along last year, as well as new faces. All are welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits too, of course. Isabelle and Sheila.

BRING & BUY Saturday 21st October 11.30am-2.30pm at St Dunstan's, Southborough. Please see poster.

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you for all your contribution and support. Signing up to Gift Aid is simple and fast through QR code at the back our churches, for those eligible. If you are not part of the Standing Order, we welcome your contribution to offertories, second, SVP donations and any other collections via **card machines** at the back of the church and in Fisher Hall which can be made after Sunday morning mass during the coffee morning. You can register for gift aid through the card you use to make payments. Many of you use Bank Transfers so our bank details are below but please follow the next step: Mass Stipends: Quote ST; Offertories: Quote OFF; Malawi Twin Quote MT.

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

PARISH NOTICES- THIS WEEKEND is the final National Mass Count and finishes next weekend. Collectors please count congregation and enter on the forms provided and return them each week to the parish office. Thank-you.

THIS WEEKEND We welcome a visiting priest from The African Missions who will be giving an appeal for their work. There will be a retiring collection.

NEXT WEEKEND Sunday is World Mission Day and there will be a second collection for Missio which is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions.

NEXT WEEKEND Jill Davison will be giving our annual appeal for Solar Lights for Malawi. There will be a retiring collection the following weekend.

FISHER HALL We are missing 40 large white plates and 40 forks from the kitchen. We assume that they have been 'borrowed' and we would appreciate their return as soon as possible. Dave Swarbick, Fisher Hall Committee.

TABLE TOP SALE in St Justus Church Hall on Saturday 21st October. Good quality items are needed for our church stalls. Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854

ST JUSTUS CHURCH BAZAAR to be held in their hall on Saturday 2nd December. Donations of bottles, cakes and Christmassy items are greatly appreciated.

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: 25 November in the Fisher Hall. Donations wanted! Please see the separate flyer for details of what is needed to help make this Bazaar a successful occasion. Volunteers to help on a stall or with set up / take down afterwards also very welcome. Just speak to Isobel, Alice or Emma (07977 500673).

ST. JUSTUS CHURCH had their Harvest Mass on Sunday 8th October. Thank you for the generous donations to the Paddock Wood Community Storehouse. The parish children helped to decorate the church with a little help from Betty, Joan, Brenda, Priscilla and Denise. The children were involved in the celebration of Mass; serving on the altar, reading from the New testament, writing Bidding prayers and helping with the Offertory Procession. Thanks to our Children's Liturgy catechists Fiona and Julia for preparing the children so well.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Danny Henry, Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Jim Ford, Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Brian Wilkins, Nigel Green, Carol Mappley, Alan Jarek and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Connie Pearch, Maria Hooper, Peter Bradley, Ron MacCormick, Richard Bareham, and Barbara Hann may they rest in peace. Amen.