



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



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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Authority

We all are baptized into Christ: priest, prophet, and king. The International Theological Commission on the *sensus fidei* quotes St John: ‘You have been anointed by the Holy One, and all of you have knowledge’, ‘the anointing that you received from [Christ] abides in you, and so you do not need anyone to teach you’, ‘his anointing teaches you about all things’ (1Jn 2:20, 27). Many lay people have been astonished during the preparation of this Synod to find that they are listened to for the first time. They had doubted their own authority and asked, ‘Can I really offer something?’ But it is not just the laity who lack authority. The whole Church is afflicted by a crisis of authority.

Our whole world is suffering a crisis of authority. All institutions have lost authority. Politicians, the law, the press have all felt authority draining away. Authority always seems to belong to other people: either dictators who are coming into power in many places, or the new media, or celebrities and influencers. The world hungers for voices that will speak with authority about the meaning of our lives. So how may the Church recover authority and speak to our world which hungers for voices that ring true? Luke tells us that when Jesus taught, ‘they were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority.’ (Luke 4.32). He commands the demons and they obey. Even the wind and sea obey him. He even has the authority to summon his dead friend to life: ‘Lazarus, come out.’ (John 11.43). Almost the final words of Matthew’s gospel: ‘All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me.’ Authority is multiple and mutually enhancing. There need be no competition, as if the laity can only have more authority if the bishops have less, or so-called conservatives compete for authority with progressives. In the Trinity, there is no rivalry. We shall speak with authority to our lost world if in this Synod we transcend competitive ways of existing. Then the world will recognise the voice of the shepherd who summons them to life. (*Synopsis based on the Synod Retreat meditation by Father Timothy Radcliffe*). Fr. Saju

MASS AND INTENTIONS 8 th October 2023			This Week in the Parish
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OT (A)			
SATURDAY 7 th Oct	6.00pm	For Grandparents (Colin O’Hara)	<p>Morning Prayer- Corpus Christi Mon at 9.40 am</p> <p>Christian Meditation At Corpus Christi Tue 6.30 pm -7.00 pm.</p> <p>Adoration At Corpus Christi THURSDAYS AFTER 10.30AM -L 10PM</p> <p>Rosary At Corpus Christi 9.30 am on Fri & Sat</p> <p>Holy Face Devotion At Corpus Christi Sat at 10.30am at & First Tue of the month after mass at St Justus.</p> <p>Cherubs – at 10 am Mass on Sunday</p>
SUNDAY 8 th Oct	8.30am	St Justus: Elsie Covel RIP (David Covel)	
	10.00am	Margaret Powell RIP (Tonbridge SVP members)	
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish	
MONDAY 9 th Oct	10.00am	Bryan Winter RIP (David Burford)	
TUESDAY 10 th Oct	10.00am	St Justus: Edith Campbell RIP (Frances Hirst) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)	
WEDNESDAY 11 th		<i>Priest will celebrate Mass privately</i>	
THURSDAY 12 th Oct	10.00am	Jeane Cottrell RIP Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm	
Friday 13 th Oct	10.00am	Deceased members of the Foo family (Amy Stead)	
SATURDAY 14 th Oct	10.00am	In Reparation for Offences against the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Jacqui Shaw)	
	6.00pm	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)	
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OT (A)			
SUNDAY 15 th Oct	8.30am	St Justus: Bernard Smith RIP (Barry Westin)	
	10.00am	For the people of the Parish	
	12noon	St Peter: Deceased relatives of Jean & John Smallcombe	

St. Margaret Clitherow Primary School, Trench Road, Tonbridge Tel. 01732 358000 Principal: Mrs. Fiona Oubridge
St. Gregory’s Catholic School, Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells. Tel. 01892 527444 Principal: Mr Phil Byrne
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'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.

CONFIRMATION2024: 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 Last chance to register your child/children – please bring your completed application form to the Fisher Hall **anytime between 7.30pm and 9.00pm on Monday 9th October.**

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. Meetings start again 1st October.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION starting on 7th October at 9.30am with Rosary, Mass and Confessions. This Devotion focuses to make Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Holy Face Devotion will be after Mass as usual at 10.30am.

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. If you have been bereaved and would like to come and find friendship and support, you would be very welcome. 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.

+ The Funeral Service for Bryan Winter is on Monday 23rd October at 11.30m in Corpus Christi.

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 Third 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 there is a second collection for CAFOD. Please put your Family Fast Day envelopes in this collection. Paul Whittle will be talking to us about the work of CAFOD after 10.00am Sunday Mass at Corpus Christi. To gift aid your donation to CAFOD, use their envelope or donate directly on their website.

NEXT 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.

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 Swarbrick, Fisher Hall Committee.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL. We are have had a special request from St Margaret's regarding baby food and baby items. They are requesting donations of: '+8 months baby food pouches level 1 and 2 Aptimel milk powder, baby wipes, toiletries for children and adults'. Any non perishable food is also very welcome. If you don't have time to shop we welcome any monetary donations in our box in the wall on the left at the back of the church. Thank you for your donations.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023 Corpus Christi Christmas Bazaar, planned for 12-3pm on Sat 25 November. Help us to make the Bazaar an enjoyable occasion with stalls, food and fun activities for the children. If you are able to help in any way please share your details with the Parish Office, or speak to one of us after Mass and we will be in touch soon. Isobel, Alice and Emma (07977 500673)

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Wilkins who received the Archbishop's Award for Service last Sunday. A Lovely occasion for all!

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, RonnieBrown, MaryGirdlestone, John Seeley, Brian Wilkins, Nigel Green, Carol Mappley, Alan Jarek and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Lucy Cziraki (Mahoney) and for those whose anniversaries fall at this this time Morris Gordon, Tony Taylor, Joaquim Leitao and Mary Houghton.