



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Remaining Recollected: We commemorate this Sunday as Remembrance Sunday. Remembrance Sunday calls us to thank all those men and women who gave their todays for our tomorrows, in view of peace and security in our world. Similarly today we pray for peace with justice in our world and as Catholics we pray for the souls of those who have died in war or in any conflict around the world. The Gospel passage (Matt 25: 1-13) for this Sunday is also treating the theme of remembrance. Jesus tells a parable, partially an allegory, based on Palestinian matrimonial customs and teaches us to be prepared at all times for the Lord's return. In this wedding celebration, apparently ten girls would be asked to accompany the bride as she awaited the arrival of the bridegroom. The chosen bridesmaids had to carry lighted lamps in the bridal procession which always took place at night. These lamps were generally small bronze or earthen vessels which held little oil enough for a few hours. Hence they normally carried small jars of oil to fill their lamps and to keep them burning continuously. The five young girls who took the lamps forgot to take extra oil with them, but the five wise virgins had extra oil with them. Matthew is telling the Christian community that the return of the Lord may be delayed beyond their expectation and that they should, therefore, prepare for the long wait by providing enough oil for their lamps. The wise virgins in this parable are beautiful examples of remembrance. Remaining recollected throughout their vigil with needed oil, they have prudently tended their lamps and thus stayed alert and ready, to receive the bridegroom at any time. The oil represents the Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, Faith etc., thus the need to gather this oil for our journey. The most faithfully observed command of the Lord is to 'Do this in remembrance of me'. In the Holy Mass we remember that the Lord has come to save us from death and bring us to life, so we can always remember to renew our relationship with him, and meet him in the Eucharist to keep our lamps burning. Fr Saju

MASS AND INTENTIONS 12 th November 2023		
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OT (A)		
SATURDAY 11 th Nov	6.00pm	Marjory Sheldon RIP (Susan Sheldon)
SUNDAY 12 th Nov	8.30am	St Justus: For those who lost their lives in the Two World Wars & other conflicts
	10.00am	For those who lost their lives in the Two World Wars & other conflicts
	12noon	St. Peter : For the People of the Parish and for the deceased members of the parish
MONDAY 13 th Nov	10.00am	William McGoldrick RIP (Suzanne McGoldrick)
TUESDAY 14 th Nov	10.00am	St Justus: Liam Collins Intentions (David Burford) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 15 th		<i>Priest's Private Mass for Special Intentions Marie Cook (M Halter)</i>
THURSDAY 16 th Nov	10.00am	Special Intentions Frances Hirst (David Burford) Adoration 10.30 am-10.00pm
Friday 17 th Nov	10.00am	Liam Collins Intentions (Frances Hirst)
SATURDAY 18 th	10.00am 6.00pm	For Our Dearly Departed For the People of the Parish
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OT (A)		
SUNDAY 19 th Nov	8.30am	St Justus: Keith & Anne Viner RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Francis Xavier Courtinho RIP (Courtinho family)
	12noon	St Peter: David Bogie RIP & family

This Week in the Parish

Morning Prayer
Corpus Christi-
Mon at 9.40 am
Christian Meditation
AtCorpus Christi
Tue 6.30 pm -7.00 pm.
Adoration
At CorpusChristi
THURSDAYS AFTER
10.30AM -10PM
Rosary
At Corpus Christi
9.30 am on Thur, Fri & Sat
Cherubs-- at 10 am
Mass on Sunday
The Five First
Saturday Devotion on
2ndDecember at
9.30am at Corpus
Christi.
Hall Bookings: 01732
353984 during office hours
(not evenings or
weekends) or by email
tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25.11.23 Parish Christmas Bazaar 12-3pm- Fisher Hall

02.12.23 St Justus Church Christmas Bazaar 10-1.00pm

02.12.23 Cheese & Wine Get Together 7.00pm Fisher Hall

10.12.23 Parish Advent Carol Service 3.30pm Corpus Christi

19.12.23 Parish Advent Reconciliation Service 7.30pm CC

YOUTH GROUP-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 in Fisher Hall Dates until Christmas are: 11.11. 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 25th November 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 speak to Father Saju after Mass to join the prep 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: Registration has now closed. There is an information meeting for all candidates and their parents at 4ppm-5.00pm on Saturday 2nd December in the Fisher Hall. Email: tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REMINDER -The children's sessions begin on Tuesday 14th November at 5.00pm in the Fisher Hall. The induction mass will be on Sunday 19th November at 10.00am.

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. Isabel -07851062232 or isabelpb4@hotmail.com

We are relaunching Parish Christmas Bazaar this year. The aim is to create a fun and friendly Parish occasion with stalls, food and fun activities for children and adults alike. There will be a Santa's Grotto, tombolas, raffles, crafts and refreshments etc. To make this a success we need your donations for the stalls. These can be delivered to Narthex or to the Fisher Hall on the morning of the Bazaar or on the Friday evening before, between 4.30 and 9pm.

Cream Tea Party with Housebound Parishioners "On Sunday 3rd December at 3pm the SVP are inviting Infirm and Homebound parishioners to a Cream Tea Party in the Fisher Hall to meet in the company of Father Saju. Transport where required can be provided. Other Seniors who may wish to attend please contact Maura Branch(07906 189116) by Friday 17th November.

In place of our Holy Land pilgrimage, we now will journey to Aylesford on Wednesday 29th November to spend the day in prayer. Father Saju will be celebrating Mass for us. Everyone is most welcome. Own transport.

PARISH FINANCE: 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; 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.

Account: RCASTonbridge

Sort Code: 60-21-28; Account No: 71367780

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

PARISH NOTICES THIS WEEKEND- There is a **second collection** for the **Archbishop's Appeal** that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and formation. Your support will enable the diocese to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and schools throughout South London and K that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal. Every gift is welcome. Please use envelopes at the back of the church.

THIS WEEKEND the uniform groups of the parish will be taking part in the Tonbridge Remembrance Sunday parade, including a service at the Garden of Remembrance on Bradford Street at 10:30 - all are welcome to join us!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL We are very grateful for your kind donations to date. We 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. Any non perishable food is also very welcome. We welcome any monetary donations in our box in the wall on the left at the back of the church or by 'DONA'

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

PADDOCK WOOD FOOD BANK are requesting food items suitable for Christmas Jelly Tinned Fruit Tinned Cream Christmas Pudding Mince Pies Shortbread Biscuits Chocolates Sweets Savoury Nibbles Crisps Fizzy Drink. Waitrose & Tesco gift cards are very acceptable & online bank transfers: Community Storehouse Sort code: 40-36-35ACC no: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member

INVITATION Please keep Saturday 2nd December free after the 6.00pm Mass to celebrate Father Saju's special birthday in the Fisher Hall. Cheese and wine will be provided, so no need to bring any food and wine just yourselves!

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, Margaret Smith, Dorothy Murray, Jack Boles, Marjory Sheldon and Mary Woodhouse, may they rest in peace. Amen.