



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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The Beauty of our Faith Journey

The families in our parish that lost their beloved ones this year gathered together for the memorial service on Saturday 18th November in Corpus Christi Church as we continue to hold in the month of November, memories of our beloved departed in the parish. This was an opportunity to bring into our mind the cherished memories of those who walked ahead of us for their eternal reward. Similarly the service offers us a sacred space to listen to some of those beautiful memories which continue to help a few people to live with joy those memories in their life. I thank all those who participated at the service and prayed for the repose of the souls.

The preparation for the First Holy communion of thirty one children has been initiated this week in our parish. I am very happy to welcome all those children and their parents this weekend to 10 am Mass on Sunday. During this Holy Mass, our children will make their pledge expressing their readiness to take up this preparation seriously in view of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. It is a great joy as your Parish Priest to journey with the children as they begin to reflect on the Sacrament to develop a personal love for Jesus. I thank all the parents and our Catechists who have begun their accompaniment with the children in this faith journey. Similarly, there are seven adults who have already begun their journey through RCIA in the parish in view of celebrating full communion with the Church at Easter 2024. As one parish, let us hold in our prayers all the children and the adults who are on this journey and all who accompany them in their journey of faith. **Fr. Saju**

MASS AND INTENTIONS 19 th November 2023		
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OT (A)		
SATURDAY 18 th Nov	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
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
MONDAY 20 th Nov	10.00am	Marie & Anthony Bayross RIP
THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
TUESDAY 21 st Nov	10.00am	St Justus: John Kinsella RIP (Eileen Jennings) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 22nd		<i>Priest's Private Mass for Welfare of Gloria Gorrige & her family (Trisha & Richard Ames)</i>
THURSDAY 23 rd Nov	10.00am	Special Intentions Frances Hirst (Tina Kirk) Adoration 10.30 am-10.00pm
Friday 24 th Nov	10.00am	Charlotte Ford RIP (Ford Family)
SATURDAY 25 th	10.00am 6.00pm	Intentions Liam Collins (Tina Kirk) Anthony Johnston RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)		
SUNDAY 26 th Nov	8.30am	St Justus: Joseph Millard RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	Ivan March RIP (Tina Kirk)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

This Week in the Parish

Morning Prayer
Corpus Christi-
Mon at 9.40 am

Christian Meditation
At Corpus Christi
Tue 6.30 pm -7.00 pm.

Adoration

At Corpus Christi
THURSDAYS AFTER
10.30AM -10PM

Rosary

At Corpus Christi
9.30 am on Thur, Fri &
Sat

Cherubs– at 10 am
Mass on Sunday

First Saturdays

Devotion at 9.30am
Holy Face Devotion at
10.30am Sats and 1st
Tues at St. Justus'

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: 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 4.00pm-5.00pm on Saturday 2nd December in the Fisher Hall. Email: tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

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

ONE WEEK TO GO TO THE PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!

Thank you for the generous donations already received, and many offers of help. We are still looking for the following: someone to help on the face-painting stall for 1 or 1.5 hours from 1.30 pm onwards and volunteers at the end of the Bazaar (3pm onwards), willing to help pack away tables, clear the hall and return everything back to normal. If you have offered to help on a stall and have not heard back from us yet, please let us know ASAP! As a final reminder, we hope to make contactless payments available for some stalls but bringing cash is strongly recommended. Many thanks. Isobel Alice and Emma. (07977 500673)

Cream Tea Party with Housebound Parishioners on Sunday 3rd December at 3pm in the Fisher Hall 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.

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: In September the parish had income of £16,095 and expenses of £13,378. The small surplus of £2,717 benefited from interest and gift aid. In addition, there were second collections to **CAFOD** £609.91 and the **African Missions** £1029.48. Thank you for all your support. The parish relies on your generosity to maintain a positive financial balance. Those eligible for Gift Aid, please do sign up for that. A QR code is available in each narthex on the notice boards for an easy electronic sign-up. Gift aid payments can also be made on the card machines in Corpus Christi eligible for gift aid, signing up for that. A QR code is available in each narthex on the notice boards for an easy electronic sign-up. Gift aidable payments can also be made on the card machines in Corpus Christi. Bank Transfers 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- NEXT WEEKEND ends the Church's Liturgical Year with the Solemnity of Christ the King and we welcome the children and staff from St Margaret's for the Sunday 10.00am Mass.

NEXT WEEKEND Sunday is Youth Day and there will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (CC) We are very grateful for your kind donations for non-perishable food and baby food. We welcome any monetary donations in our box in the wall on the left at the back of the church or by 'DONA' Please continue with your donations. Thank you.

ST JUSTUS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR to be held in their hall on Saturday 2nd December 11.00am – 2.00pm. 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!

NB The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday 21st November. No emails will be accessed until Thursday.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Danny Henry, Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Brian Wilkins, Nigel Green, Carol Mapple, Alan Jarek, Maria Neves, Martyn Bowman and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, Margaret Simons, John Gooden, Craig Cogley and Elizabeth Dawson, may they rest in peace. Amen.