



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



Corpus Christi

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St. Justus

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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“When Jesus is asked which is the greatest commandment the answer is the same in all three of the Gospels in which the question is asked: to love God with all your mind, heart, soul and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself. This call to love is at the heart of the educational mission of every Catholic school.” So begins the introduction to the bishops of England and Wales’ school inspection handbook.

As we welcome the children of our parish primary school, St Margaret Clitherow, to the family Mass at Corpus Christi this weekend, we are reminded that this message is mirrored in its own beautiful mission statement:

Learning for life, loving God | **O**urselves and others | **V**aluing all of His creation | **E**nabling us to do our best.

We thank God for our school – and for the wonderful loving community of children, parents and staff that plays such a vibrant part in the life of our parish. Thank you to Fr Saju and our parishioners for extending a warm welcome to St Margaret’s, and thank you to the pupils and staff for the time and dedication they have shown in preparing to share in our celebration.

If you are inspired by the children’s participation in our Sunday liturgy and would like to find out more about helping to preserve the Catholic character of our parish school in the role of a foundation governor, please feel free to contact me, or speak to Mrs Oubridge or Fr Saju at any time.

Anthony Halter, Chair, Local Governance Committee (Anthony.Halter@st-margaret-tonbridge.kcsp.org.uk)

MASS AND INTENTIONS 25 th November 2023			<p>This Week in the Parish</p> <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 -10PM</p> <p>Rosary At Corpus Christi 9.30 am on Thur, Fri & Sat</p> <p>Cherubs– at 10 am Mass on Sunday</p> <p>First Saturdays Devotion at 9.30am Holy Face Devotion at 10.30am Sats and 1st Tues at St. Justus'</p>
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)			
SATURDAY 25 th Nov	6.00pm	Anthony Johnston RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)	
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	
MONDAY 27 th Nov	10.00am	Special Intentions Jean Lomas (Nicholls family)	
TUESDAY 28 th Nov	10.00am	St Justus: Tony Harvey RIP (Marie Marriott) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)	
WEDNESDAY 29 th		<i>Priest’s Private Mass for Lucy Cziraki RIP & for the consolation of her family (Trisha & Richard Ames)</i>	
SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE, PATRON OF SCOTLAND			
THURSDAY 30 th Nov	10.00am	Intentions Father Saju (Tina Kirk) Adoration 10.30 am-10.00pm	
Friday 1 st Dec	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP & for the consolation of her family (David Burford)	
SATURDAY 2 nd Dec	10.00am	Special Intentions Tina Kirk (Fances Hirst)	
	6.00pm	God’s blessings on Father Saju	
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)			
SUNDAY 3 rd Dec	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	Wendy O’Hara RIP (Colin O’Hara)	
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish	

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

Hall Bookings: **01732 353984 during office hours (not evenings or weekends) or by email: tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

02.12.23 St Justus Church Christmas Bazaar 10-2.00pm

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- on Sat 25.11.23 -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 meeting in Fisher Hall Next meeting- 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

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.

THIS SUNDAY (26TH NOVEMBER) is National Youth Sunday, and the retiring collection will be for the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which is re-launching several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, please see our website tinyurl.com/scys1. Please also sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork to receive regular updates. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has produced further World Youth Sunday resources at worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023.

AYLESFORD DAY Wednesday 29th November. If you would like to join us for a day of prayer and recollection please meet in the St Albans & Walden room at 10.30am for tea/coffee. Father Saju will celebrate Mass in the Relic Chapel at 11.30am.

CORPUS CHRISTI BAZAAR - SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 12-3PM Just a final note to those reading this before Saturday - contactless payment is now up and running

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. **Account: RCAS Tonbridge**

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'- Many thanks. Ken

PARISH NOTICES- THIS 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.

THIS WEEKEND Today is Youth Day and there will be a second collection for the Catholic Youth Services

NEXT WEEKEND begins the Season of Advent. There will be Church Parade for our Uniformed Groups at Sunday 10.00am Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING & Christmas celebration for all Altar Servers from Corpus Christi, St Peter's and St Justus' on Saturday 9th December 12-2 in the church. Please contact Alice and let her know if you are able to attend 07871109333. 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!

BAZAAR cont'd

for the Bazaar so please come with confidence that card payments will be possible. See you there!

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 Mappley, Alan Jarek, Maria Neves, Martyn Bowman, Cliff Williams and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, Honora Read, Patrick Noone, Joseph Annalla, Anne Goodman, Connie Bell, Ton O'Dwyer, Janet Peerless, Gerry Dearing, Michael Shanahan, Monica Gryzb, Michelle Weston, Joseph Millard, Peter Pointet, John Ashelford and Paul Whitaker, may they rest in peace. Amen.