



# 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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**Month of Remembrance:** The month of November offers us opportunity to remember Saints, beloved departed and all those who lost their lives in World Wars. Although the Church prays for the faithful departed throughout the entire year during Holy Mass, All Souls Day, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November is the general, solemn day of their commemoration. On this day the Church remembers, prays for, and offers Holy Mass for the faithful departed, who may be in their state of purification, with the firm faith that there will be a purification of believers prior to entering heaven and the prayers and Masses of the faithful are sure to benefit those in the state of purification. The tradition of the Church and the Sacred Scripture help us to confirm this, as from the early days Christians have prayed for the dead and have undertaken works of penance and mercy on their behalf. In the book of 2 Maccabaeus 12 we read that Judas Maccabaeus made atonement for the dead who were buried with their ancestors so that they might be delivered from their sins. St. Paul seems to have shared this traditional Jewish belief. At the death of his supporter Onesiphorus, he prayed, “May the Lord grant him mercy on that Day” (2Tim: 1:18). The early church developed this practice of praying for the dead. Tertullian wrote about the anniversary Masses for the dead, advising widows to pray for their husbands. St. Augustine remarked that he used to pray for his deceased mother, remembering her request: “When I die, bury me anywhere you like, but remember to pray for me at the altar.” The church invites the faithful to offer Masses for the faithful departed because God can foresee and apply the merits of our prayers, penances, and works of charity even years after their death, in favour of our deceased ones at the moment of their deaths. Let us remember and pray for our dearly departed in the month of November. Fr Saju

### MASS AND INTENTIONS 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OT (A)

SATURDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.00pm	Deceased members of the Molloy & Fleming families (Elizabeth Johnston)
SUNDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Deceased members of the Bowman, Bennett & Brennan families (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	John Boardman RIP (Monica Boardman)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	John Boardman RIP (Monica Boardman)
<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT GEORGE</b>		
TUESDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.0	<b>St Justus:</b> Josephine & Marjorie Trotman Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 8 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately for Steve Sellen Intentions (Leila)</i>
<b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>		
THURSDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Eileen & Ernest Presnell RIP (Suzanne McGoldrick) Adoration 10.30 am-10.00pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Archibald Mascarenhas RIP (Christina Carr)
SATURDAY 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Olga Hirst RIP (Frances Hirst)
	6.00pm	Marjory Sheldon RIP (Susan Sheldon)
<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OT (A)</b>		
SUNDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> 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	<b>St Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish and for the deceased members 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

### Holy Face Devotion

At Corpus Christi  
Sat at 10.30am at & First  
Tue of the month after  
mass at St Justus.

**Cherubs** – at 10 am  
Mass on Sunday

**The Five First Saturday Devotion** on 4th  
November at 9.30am at  
Corpus Christi.

Hall Bookings: 01732 353984  
during office hours (not  
evenings or weekends)  
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**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 on 11<sup>th</sup> November 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 4.30pm in the Fisher Hall.**

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

**PARISH FINANCE:** Thank you for all your contribution and support. In July, the parish had ordinary income of £12,313 and expenses of £22,284, resulting in a reduction of resources by approximately £10,000. Signing up to Gift Aid is simple and fast through QR code at the back of 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.

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

**CONFIRMATION2024:** Registration has now closed. Preparation begins on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 with the enrolment Mass on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The 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](mailto: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](mailto:isabelpb4@hotmail.com)

**PASSING ON THE FAITH AS GRANDPARENTS-** practical steps and what sort of conversations can we have which will help anchor our grandchildren's faith? Four online sessions starting Weds eves November 8th, 7:30 – 9pm. Email Lisette on [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)

**PASSING ON THE FAITH FOR** What works well for children at different stages? Four online sessions starting Thurs eves November 9th, 8pm – 9:30pm. Email Lisette on [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)

**FISHER HALL** We are missing 40 large white plates and 40 forks from the kitchen and we would appreciate their return as soon as possible. Dave Swarbrick, Fisher Hall Committee.

**ST PETER'S ANNUAL MASS FOR THE DEARLY DEPARTED** will be held on Sunday 12 November at 12 noon during which the names of all those remembered in our Book and Garden of Remembrance will be read out. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend and stay for coffee afterwards.

### PARISH NOTICES

**NEXT WEEKEND** There will be 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 and put in the collection baskets next weekend.

**RED BOXES APF MISSIO** are now due for collection. Boxes can also be left in the presbytery but not in the narthex. The missions help so many and very grateful for your generosity. If you are unable to drop off your box, please contact Jackie M: 07887702574

**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. 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 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.

**THANK YOU** from the Paddock Wood Food Bank for the gifts received from St Justus Harvest Festival. All of which were much appreciated. Thank you to all those who donated the items.

**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 Mapple, Alan Jarek and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, Valentine Scrutton, Maureen Jackson, Thomas Fallon, Henry Fraser, Patricia Britton, Heather Pilditch, Noel Ryan, Diana Taylor, Eillen Woledge, Ray Hann, and Mary Ross, may they rest in peace. Amen.