



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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The Second Week of Advent

On this Sunday of Advent we hear the account of the ministry of John the Baptist as given by the Evangelist Mark. John proclaims the Advent of the Messiah in the wilderness. A new Exodus is proclaimed for a renewed journey. The desert for him is a symbol of the religious situation of Israel. John attracts the common people into the wilderness to hear his message of repentance so that they are purified and spiritually ready for the coming of the Messiah.

Our journey through Holy Advent is to hear the message of repentance. We cannot come under the sovereign rule of God without a change of attitude, a change of heart and a change of lifestyle. "Do small things but with great love" said Mother Teresa. There are basically two reasons why we fail to receive forgiveness. The first is that we fail to repent, and the second is that we fail to forgive. Jesus was very explicit about this second failure in Matthew 6:14-15. He says, "For if you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions." William Barclay notes that it is only when we say, "I am a sinner" that Jesus can say, "I forgive." It demands our listening to what God is saying to us and then making changes in our life. The advent reconciliation on Tuesday 19th December will be an opportunity to celebrate our conversion into communion with Jesus. Fr. Saju

MASS AND INTENTIONS 10th December 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 In the hall before 10am 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>
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)			
SATURDAY 9 th Dec	6.00pm	John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)	
SUNDAY 10 th Dec	8.30am	St Justus :: John snr, Molly & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)	
	10.00am	Patricia Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)	
	12noon	St. Peter : For the People of the Parish	
MONDAY 11 th Dec	10.00am	Welfare of Brian & Martina Wilkins (Anne Dunne)	
TUESDAY 12 th Dec	10.00am	St Justus : Wellbeing of the Weston family (Barry Weston) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)	
WEDNESDAY 13 th Dec		<i>Priest's Private Mass for Lucy Cziraki & for the consolation of her family (Anne Knight)</i>	
THURSDAY 14 th Dec	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP (Pryanka Perera) Adoration 10.30 am-10.00pm	
Friday 15 th Dec	10.00am	Anthony & Mary McGettican RIP (Eddie & Mary McGettican)	
SATURDAY 16 th Dec	10.00am	Rick Stead RIP (Amy Stead)	
	6.00pm	Vincent Almeida RIP (Almeida family)	
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) (A)			
SUNDAY 17 th Dec	8.30am	St Justus : Peter & Joan Hutchings RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	Francis Xavier Coutinho RIP (Coutinho family)	
	12noon	St Peter : Michael Whitehead RIP (Felicity Whitehead & family)	

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

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 9th Dec-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 - **Ruth and Sirja**

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)Next meeting Saturday 30th December 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 2nd March 11.15amin the Fisher Hall.

CONFESSION: Sat 10.30am – 11.00am 5pm-5.45 pm at CC; St Justus-after Tuesday morning mass

NO EVENING CONFESSIONS SATURDAY 9th December

CONFIRMATION2024:Registration has now closed. Email: tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Registration has now enclosed. 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

SVP CREAM TEA was a great success enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to the team who organised this special event.

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.

HALL USERS If you bring food/drink and put in the fridge please remove when you leave and not leave it to rot! If parish groups are storing food in the freezer please make sure when it reaches its use by date that you dispose of it. Thank you.

CORPUS CHRISTI BAZAAR Following the successful relaunch of the Bazaar we will be holding a debrief meeting at 8pm on Monday 11th December in the Fisher Hall to share ideas on what went well and what we can improve going forward. Anyone who would like to share their feedback would be welcome to attend.

PARISH FINANCE: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 Bank Transfers details are below but please follow the next step: **Mass Stipends:** Quote ST; **Offertories:** Quote OFF; **Christmas offering:** Quote CHRS, **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 Sunday we have our Parish Advent Carol Service at 3.30am in Corpus Christi.

BISHOP PAUL will be visiting the parish Sunday17th December and will be celebrating the 10.00am Mass.

CC SOCIAL GROUP Please Note the date of our next meeting is Tuesday 19th December, we shall be celebrating Christmas with mulled wine, mince pies & carols. Remember this open to everyone, so come along & celebrate. There will be a raffle, with the proceeds going to "Spade Work" our nominated charity, if you are able to donate a raffle prize it would be greatly appreciated.

WANTED! Singers to join the choir as a one off to give an extra boost to the music for the 10.00 pm Carols and Mass of the Night on Christmas Eve. Please contact Catherine Collins on 07927 730834 or by email caterinachinsky@gmail.com for further details. A big thank you in advance to any volunteers!

STAY&PLAY—are looking for a parishioner who is willing to co-ordinate the running of the group during term time starting January. Please contact Tina Kirk tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)We would like to thank all parishioners once again for the donations received. With the start of Advent we would like to appeal to your generosity and thoughtfulness. Please continue to donate non perishable goods and baby items. They are very gratefully received by the recipients.

CHRISTMAS FAIR at St. Justus raised a sum of £882.40. Many thanks are due to all who helped or supported this event, which was also a nice social occasion.

THANK YOU Barry Weston would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Justus who sent cards, best wishes and presents on the occasion of his recent special birthday. It was a truly lovely day.

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, Maria Neves, Martyn Bowman, Cliff Williams and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, especially Alan Jarek, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Robert Elks, Jack Newbould ,Agnes Darragh, Albert Hurst, Godfrey Horne and Patricia Fleming, may they rest in peace. Amen.