



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



Corpus Christi

41 Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge
TN9 1EY

St. Justus

Mount Pleasant, Paddock Wood
TN12 6AG

St. Peter

Maidstone Road, Hadlow
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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Advent Reconciliation Service: The Gospel reading for this weekend challenges us to be witnesses of Jesus who is the light of the world. We, through our baptism, are called to help others to prepare their lives to remember the first coming of Jesus in Bethlehem and to celebrate the advent of Christ who comes every time in the Eucharist and then for Christ's final coming. John the Baptist told his listeners that he is not the light, but the one who bears witness to the light. Further, he testified that he was the voice crying in the wilderness, to prepare them for the coming of the Lord. John proclaimed to the people a baptism of repentance by water. Like John, we are not the Light but we are called by our baptism to bear witness to the Light by all we say and do. **Advent reconciliation offers us a beautiful opportunity for preparing us for Jesus Christ and to be his witnesses. I invite you to join for the Parish Advent reconciliation on Tue 19 Dec at 7.30 pm as there are a few priests available to hear confession.** Please note **Mass times** in our Parish over Christmas:

- Sunday 24 December:** 6pm – Children's Vigil Mass at Corpus Christi, Tonbridge
1 0 pm – **Mass During the Night at Corpus Christi** (Carols will start at 10 pm)
 6 pm – Vigil Mass at St. Justus Church, Paddock Wood
- Monday 25 December:** 8.30am – Christmas Day Mass at St. Justus Church
 (*Nativity of the Lord*): **10 am** – Christmas Day Mass at Corpus Christi
 12 noon – Christmas Day Mass at St. Peter's Hadlow Fr. Saju

MASS AND INTENTIONS 17th December 2023		
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE) (A)		
SATURDAY 16 th Dec	12noon 6.00pm	Baptism Vincent Almeida RIP (Almeida family)
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)
MONDAY 18 th Dec	10.00am	Eric David Thorpe RIP (Eileen Thorpe)
TUESDAY 19 th Dec	10.00am	St Justus: Timothy Almeida RIP (Almeida Family) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm) Advent Reconciliation Service -7.30pm
WEDNESDAY 20 th Dec		<i>Priest's Private Mass for Lucy Cziraki & for the consolation of her family (Helen & Jess)</i>
THURSDAY 21 st Dec	9.30am	Requiem Mass for Alan Jarek Adoration 10.30 am-10.00pm
Friday 22 nd Dec	10.00am	God's blessings on Father Saju (Tina Kirk)
SATURDAY 23 rd Dec	10.00am	Ivan March RIP (Tina Kirk)
	6.00pm	Leonora Almeida RIP (Almeida Family)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)		
SUNDAY 24 th Dec	8.30am	St Justus: Thomas Isard RIP (Pat Hook)
	10.00am	Noelle March RIP (Tina Kirk)
	12noon	St Peter: Christine Hogan RIP (her family)

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
In the hall before 10am
Mass on Sunday

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

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

19.12.23 Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

There will be three priests available to hear confession from 7.30 pm to 9 pm

YOUTH GROUP- on Sat 6th Jan -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 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

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

PADDOCK WOOD FOOD BANK are requesting food items suitable for Christmas. Waitrose & Tesco gift cards are very acceptable & online bank transfers: Community Storehouse Sort code: 40-36-35ACC no: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member.

COFFEE MORNING ROTA We have received yet another complaint about the state of the hall. **"The hall was a bit of a mess this morning (Monday). There was a lot of bits of squashed minced pies on the floor and stickers stuck to the floor. It's also always a bit of a worry as I have a child with a severe egg allergy so need to be careful about left over food"**. The hall in this instance was not used again after Sunday morning coffee. Please do not expect other hall users to clear up any mess that has been made during the coffee morning, that is the team's responsibility. Please leave the hall clean and tidy for other hall users to enjoy who have to pay for its use! There are cleaning materials in the kitchen and cupboard in the entrance.

NB As the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday 24th December there are the usual Sunday Mass times. The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass is at 6.00pm and Mass of the Night at 10.00pm, to attend these Masses is outside usual Sunday obligation.

PARISH FINANCE:In Oct the parish had ordinary income of £17,980 and ordinary expenses of £27,929. The resulting shortfall of £13,387 is mainly explained by two large expenditures: damp proofing the Corpus Christi church and upgrading the sound system at St Justus. Taking those one-offs aside, net adjusted ordinary income was £336. Thank you for your continued generosity which the parish relies on 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

Account: RCASTonbridge

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

Parish Finance chair:Ken Marsh

Gift -aid: Tony Mahoneytonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk - 01732 773531.

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

PARISH NOTICES

THIS WEEKEND Bishop Paul will be visiting the parish today (17th December) and will be celebrating the 10.00am Mass.

MALAWI NEWSLETTER - There will be a Malawi Newsletter published this weekend (16th/17th December)Please take a copy.

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

CORPUS CHRISTI BAZAAR The total amount raised for the parish has been confirmed as £2,688. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We look forward to holding the Bazaar again next year.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS Following a visit from the Diocese Fire Precaution Adviser we have to restrict the number of persons allowed in the right side gallery to 12

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, Maria Neves, Martyn Bowman, Cliff Williams and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Wayne Smith, Michael Warner, Lucy Langridge, Anna Forté, William Jolley Rowley Leigh, Doreen Cox, Nancy Sequeira, John Winter and Vincent Almeida, may they rest in peace. Amen.