



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



Corpus Christi

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St. Justus

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St. Peter

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Joy of God–With-Us

I welcome you to our Parish Christmas Mass.

The real meaning of Christmas is Emmanuel, God-with-us. The season of Advent, the period of anticipation is now complete. We enter into the season of Joy, God is at home with us and we are at home with him. Jesus is the Word made flesh, and the one who pitched his tent among us, so that as God's children, we become members of the divine household. I wish you the joy of Christmas and thank you for choosing to celebrate this feast of joy with our parish, your second home. I wish and pray that we all have a lovely and blessed time around Christmas with our loved ones. Nativity offers us peace. Let us share the Peace of Christ which evolves from the joy of nativity with one another. The culture of peace is not built up solely between peoples and nations. It begins in the heart of every one of us. Anguished as we are by the spread of wars and violence, we can and must make our own contribution to peace by striving to uproot from our hearts all hatred and resentment to proclaim the peace of the child in the manger. A huge **'THANK YOU'** for joining to celebrate Christmas Mass in your parish and **I wish you all the Peace and Joy of Christmas.** Fr. Saju

MASS AND INTENTIONS 24th December 2023			Weekly in the Parish
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)			
SATURDAY 23 rd Dec	6.00pm	Leonora Almeida RIP (Almeida Family)	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'
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)	
CHRISTMAS EVE			
	6.00pm	St Justus: Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman)	
	6.00pm	Father Denis Chitete RIP (Almeida family)	
	10.00pm	Carols	
	10.30pm	For the People of the Parish	
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD			
MONDAY 25 th Dec	8.30am	St Justus: For all St Justus parishioners	
	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP (Mahoney family)	
	12noon	St Peter: For deceased members of the Parsons family (Isabelle Parsons)	
SAINT STEPHEN, DEACON & THE FIRST MARTYR			
TUESDAY 26 th Dec	10.00 am	Corpus Christi: Welfare of Cliff Williams (Catherine Williams)	
THE HOLY INNOCENTS			
THURSDAY 28 th Dec	10.00am	John Halter RIP (Margaret Halter)	
SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP & MARTYR			
Friday 29 th Dec	10.00am	Intentions Catherine Collins (Steve Collins)	
SATURDAY 30 th Dec	10.00am	Rita Martin RIP (PryankaPerera)	
	6.00pm	Mildred & Felix Perera RIP (PryankaPerera)	
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH			
SUNDAY 31 st Dec	8.30am	St Justus: Sean Feely RIP (Teresa Feely)	
	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)	
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish	
Hall Bookings: 01732 353984 during office hours (not evenings or weekends) or by email: tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk			

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Dec 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 11.15am in the Fisher Hall.

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

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

PARISH HALL USERS Please do not expect other hall users to clear up any mess that has been made during the coffee mornings or group meetings, 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. Also, please do not leave food or drinks lying around or in the fridge, please dispose of them before they go rotten. Thank you!

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!

NB The Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday 24th December and usual Sunday Mass times apply. The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass is at 6.00pm and Mass of the Night at 10.00pm, to attend these Masses will be part of Christmas Mass and do not fulfil Sunday obligation.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed Wednesday 27th& Thursday 28th, reopens Friday 29th December 2.00pm. Closed Tuesday 2nd January reopens Thursday 4th Jan.

Peace and Joy of Christmas 2023

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: RCAS Tonbridge

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

Christmas offerings: Your Christmas Offering/the offertory collection at Christmas Masses is your personal gift to your Priest in the Parish.

WE WELCOME Father Tom McHugh who will be with us for a few days after Christmas.

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

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES -There a few for sale in the Narthex, price £6.00. You can pay by DONA machine 'Repository'.

THANK YOU for all your Christmas wishes. I wish you all a very blessed, peaceful and happy Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year. Jan - Parish Office.

WE 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, Mollie Mellish and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Victoria Whelan, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Agnes O'Hare, Thomas Ford, Eva Bridges, Frances Kirwan, BronieStethan, Josephine Diegan, Veronica Devine, Eileen Harrington, may they rest in peace. Amen.