



# 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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**First Week of Advent** - Advent marks the beginning of the Church's new liturgical year and a four-week preparation leading up to Christmas, in which the first coming of the Son of God is remembered. It also leads us to set our minds and hearts to live in a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing for the Lord. This message is visible in the Scripture readings in the first week of Advent which call upon us to be watchful and stay awake. In Advent there is a need to have a focused approach of preparation in order to celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ born among us as a human person in a stable at Bethlehem to be one with us. In Advent we reflect on our role as a disciple to stay awake by living faithfully our discipleship like the faithful and trustworthy servants who behave loyally during the absence of their master. They have their responsibilities and they know what they are supposed to do. If they are faithful, they will carry out all those tasks given to them whether the master is present or not. When the master does eventually return, the faithful servants will be in good stead because they have done what they were supposed to do. They have done their task with diligence and loyalty. Similarly Advent is a season suitable for reflection on the role of our Blessed Mother in our redemption.

During Advent let us make a conscious effort personally or in the family to prepare for Christmas by using resources available in our parish. We should try to join in praying the Rosary with the parish, taking time to be at the Adoration, or participating in Meditation, etc to meet the Lord who comes daily in the sacraments and in the Word to fill us with grace. This will help us to disconnect with our business of life and to create a space for the child Jesus and thus to create a Holy Advent season in us. Fr. Saju

| MASS AND INTENTIONS 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2023    |                   |  | <p><b>This Week in the Parish</b></p> <p>Morning Prayer<br/>Corpus Christi-<br/>Mon at 9.40 am</p> <p>Christian Meditation<br/>At Corpus Christi<br/>Tue 6.30 pm -7.00 pm.</p> <p>Adoration<br/>At Corpus Christi<br/>THURSDAYS AFTER<br/>10.30AM -10PM</p> <p>Rosary<br/>At Corpus Christi<br/>9.30 am on Thur, Fri &amp; Sat</p> <p>Cherubs- at 10am<br/>Mass on Sunday</p> <p>First Saturdays<br/>Devotion at 9.30am<br/>Holy Face Devotion at<br/>10.30am Sats and 1st<br/>Tues at St. Justus'</p> |
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| FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)                           |                   |  |  |
| SATURDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec                         | 12noon<br>6.00pm  | Baptisms<br>God's blessings on Father Saju   |  |
| SUNDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec                           | 8.30am            | <b>St Justus:</b> Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)  |  |
|  | 10.00am           | Wendy O'Hara RIP (Colin O'Hara)  |  |
|  | 12noon            | <b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish   |  |
| MONDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec                           | 10.00am           | Stuart Hirst RIP (Frances Hirst)   |  |
| TUESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec                          | 10.00am           | <b>St Justus:</b> Frances Hirst & Tina Kirk special intentions (Liam Collins)<br>Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm) |  |
| WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec                        |                   | <i>Priest's Private Mass for Florence Christine O'Grady</i>  |  |
| THURSDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | 10.00am           | Lucy Cziraki RIP (Suzanne McGoldrick)<br>Adoration 10.30 am-10.00pm  |  |
| THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY |                   |  |  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec                           | 10.00am           | Lucy Cziraki RIP & for the consolation of her family (Jackie Almeida)  |  |
| SATURDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | 10.00am<br>6.00pm | Tony & Maria Chainey RIP (Catherine Collins)<br>John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)  |  |
| SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)                          |                   |  |  |
| SUNDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec                          | 8.30am            | <b>St Justus:</b> John snr, Molly & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)   |  |
|  | 10.00am           | Patricia Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)  |  |
|  | 12noon            | <b>St Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish  |  |

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### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 11.15am in the Fisher Hall. **CONGRATULATIONS to Quinn O'Brien and Katharine Angus who were baptized this weekend and to their families and godparents.**

**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](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)

**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.

**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.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES SHEETS** are available this weekend. Please take one and keep handy for reference.

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

**BISHOP PAUL** will be visiting the parish Sunday 17th December and will be celebrating the 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.

**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

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**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.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Thank you for your Mass Intention requests. When you book a Mass Intention and intend to do a Bank Transfer for your offering, please try and do it straight after you have booked so as not to forget, using the ref: ST. We have to keep a strict account of offerings as the Mass Book has to be reconciled monthly. It has been noted that some Intentions have been requested and the Mass offered but no offering has been accounted for. Also, it would help if you could give the amount that you are transferring when you request a Mass Intention, as this helps when reconciling the Mass Book. Your offerings are very much appreciated. Thank you

**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, Patricia Marston, Betty Fraser, Stuart Hirst, Marie Wiseman and Amelia MacDonald, may they rest in peace. Amen.