



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 HOLY FAMILY. Christmas, the feast of joy offered us an opportunity to experience God-with us. I thank you for joining to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord in our parish. I am very grateful to you for all your various ministries in the parish and for the generous Christmas offering to me. Let us hold our experience of Emmanuel to welcome New Year 2024. Happy New Year to you all.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The New Year therefore begins with our reflection on our faith and how our faith in Jesus sustains us in our life journey. Archbishop John Wilson writes, "It was faith in God, and fidelity to God's word, that enabled Abraham and Sarah to believe God's promise. It was faith in God and fidelity in God's word, that made Our Lady and St Joseph capable of co-operating so uniquely and beautifully with God's purpose for their lives and our salvation. It is our Catholic faith that gives identity and meaning to the Sacrament of Marriage and to family life as the domestic church. The family, in the closer and wider senses, remains the most important building block of the Church and of society. When the family flourishes, the Church flourishes. When the family flourishes, society flourishes. Catholic faith is intrinsic to our understanding of marriage and family life, supported by our parishes and schools" (from Archbishop' John Wilson's Pastoral letter for the Solemnity of the Holy Family 2023). Fr Saju.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 31st December 2023		
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH		
SATURDAY 30 th Dec	6.00pm	Mildred & Felix Perera RIP (Pryanka Perera)
SUNDAY 31 st	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
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD		
MONDAY 1 st Jan	10.00am	Redmond John Dill RIP (Sheila & Stephanie)
TUESDAY 2 nd Jan	10.00am	St Justus: In honour of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus & of the Holy Face of Jesus (Jacqui Shaw)
WED 3 rd Jan		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>
THE BEATIED MARTYS OF THE DIOCESE		
THURSDAY 4 th Jan	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP (Mahoney family)
FRIDAY 5 th Jan	10.00am	Bryan Winter RIP (Monica Boardman)
SATURDAY 6 th Jan	10.00am	Steve Collins Intentions (Tina & Frances)
	6.00pm	Bruno Raimondi RIP
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD		
SUNDAY 7 th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: Pat & Margaret Hetheron RIP (Jane Hetheron & Teresa Feely)
	10.00am	John Collins RIP (Catherine Collins)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

Weekly 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: Please contact the parish office during office hours 01732 353984 or by email. Not in the evenings or weekends.

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 27th January 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

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

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!

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE COURSE As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark:website.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

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 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

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

TABLE TOP SALE on Saturday 5th February in St Justus Church Hall. Anything that is saleable for church stalls! Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854

PARISH OFFICE will be closed Tuesday 2nd January reopens Thursday 4th Jan.



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, Mollie Mellish and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died Polly Perkins, Christine Challis, Eileen Rogers, Mary Butler, Anne Lacey, Redmond John Dill, John Feely, Carlene Ford, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, may they rest in peace. Amen.