



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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CALLED TO HOLINESS: The Gospel for this Sunday states that Jesus came not to destroy the law but to fulfil it. This statement may have surprised his audience a great deal, because Jesus was constantly accused of breaking the law and finally the accusation at his death was that he was breaking the laws continuously. People observed that he did not wash his hands prior to the meal that the law demanded, he healed people on the Sabbath day, and now he speaks of the law with veneration and reverence. Jesus tells them that not even the smallest part of the law will be changed and he is there to fulfil the law and bring it to completion. Jesus was presenting the true meaning of the law. The first example Jesus gives is about anger, as well as use of any insulting word is forbidden. If we do not respect our brothers and sisters from the depth of our heart, we cannot say we respect God. When Jesus says: ‘Do not get angry with a brother or sister,’ he is not condemning anger in itself. There are times when we too should be angry, angry about unjust situations. Nevertheless our anger about injustice should not give rise to a lessening of love and growing to hate. Anger becomes dangerous when it turns into hostility. Hostility causes us to act out our anger. It leads to deep resentments, negative attitudes. A Jewish saying has it: ‘Anger in the heart is like a worm in a plant.’ If we find ourselves often getting angry, we should look at the cause of our anger. The cause may well be within ourselves. Naturally we are not perfect, but God calls us to reflect on how we live and to understand what has gone right and wrong for us. Such reflection can lead us to insight that will help us to live better and be virtuous in the future. *“As he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct, ¹⁶for it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”* (1 Peter 1:15-16) Fr Saju.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 11th February 2023

SIXTHSUNDAY OT (A)

SATURDAY 11 th Feb	6..00pm	Michael Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
SUNDAY 12 th Feb	8.30am	St Justus: Margaret Isard RIP (Pat Hook)
	10.00am	Stewart Alexander Robertson RIP (Colin O’Hara)
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 13 th Feb	10.00am	Margaret Duddy Rip (Patrick Duddy)
Saints Cyril -Monk and Methodius -Bishop, patrons of Europe		
TUESDAY 14 th Feb	10.00am	St Justus: Brian Smith RIP (Marie Marriott) Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 15 th Feb		<i>No Mass</i>
THURSDAY 16 th Feb	10.00am	Mary & Eddie McGettigan Intentions (Sean & Annie) Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm
FRIDAY 17 th Feb	10.00am	Peter Davies RIP (Margaret Halter)
SATURDAY 18 th Feb	10.00am	Nancy Sequeira RIP (Norbert Sequeira)
	6.00pm	Martin & John RIP and Deceased members of the Moore family (Margaret Constable)
SEVENTH SUNDAY OT (A)		
SUNDAY 19 th Feb	8.30am	St Justus: Susan Crowley RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Roy Moon RIP (Brenda Moon)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

St. Margaret Clitherow Primary School, Trench Road, Tonbridge Tel. 01732 35800 Principal: Mrs. Fiona Oubridge
St. Gregory’s Catholic School, Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells. Tel. 01892 527444 Principal: Mr Phil Byrne
Parish Hall Booking- 01732 353984 during office hours, no weekends.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

YOUTH Club : The parish youth group meets on the following Saturdays for 'fun, friendship and faith' in the parish hall after the 6pm mass. It is open to all children from **Year 7 to Year 11**.

18th February
4th March & 18th March
1st April & 29th April
13th May & 27th May
10th June & 24th June
8th July & 22nd July

On Saturday the 1st of April we will be going **bowling at the Hollywood Bowl in Tunbridge Wells**. There will be no charge for this outing and more details will follow. If you are interested please come along and join us at our next meeting on Saturday, the 18th of February. We look forward to seeing new members!

Contact: tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

The Spirituality Commission are offering a **Lenten retreat for the Archdiocese led by Archbishop John**,

following the very encouraging response to the retreats of 2021 and 2022. You are likely to be considering your parish Lenten programme and so we offer the retreat and all the materials free of charge as a resource to parishes. Details are available from the Spirituality Commission web site, at

<https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/renewedbyhope>

SACRAMENTS: Confessions -Corpus Christi: Saturdays- 10.30am-11.00am and 5.00pm-5.45pm. St Justus: Tuesdays after Mass.

BAPTISM: Parent's Baptism Preparation session on Saturday 4th March 11.15am in the Fisher Hall. You cannot attend unless you have spoken to Fr Saju and contacted the Parish Office. Please do not arrange a baptism date until after you have attended the session and then checked with the parish office that the date you would like is available.

ADORATION All day on Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm: Anne - 01732 773531.

ROSARY: Fridays 9.30am and Saturdays 9.30am at Corpus Christi. 1st Tuesdays of the month 9.30am at St. Justus.

HOLY FACE DEVOTION - Prayers of Reparation for sins of Blasphemy. Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi and also 1st Tuesdays of the month at St. Justus at 10.30am.

CHERUBS Our children's liturgy, runs during the 10am Mass every Sunday. All children from pre-school until Holy Communion are welcome to join us in the Fisher Hall for songs, activities and prayer: Contact- Emily (07934086526).

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Next meeting Tuesday 21st February 10,30am-12noon in the Fisher Hall. This informal, friendly group is here for all those who have been bereaved, whether recently or years ago. Please ring Isabelle 07873

PARISH FINANCE: Your donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support. Many of you use internet or telephone banking so our bank details are below but please follow the next step: Mass Stipends: Quote ST. Offertories: Quote OFF. Malawi Twin Quote MT; in all of these cases you do not need to refer to Gift Aid as we know who you all are:

Account: RCAS Tonbridge

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

Parish Finance chair:

Ken Marsh tonbridgegac@rcaos.org.uk 01892527270

Gift -aid: Tony Mahoney

tonbridgegac2@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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Monday 20th February at 7.30pm in the Fisher Hall.

PARISH BINGO next session Saturday 25th February at 7.30pm in the Fisher Hall. Do come along for a fun evening. All welcome!

The ONLINE LENTEN course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning 28th Feb and continuing on MAR 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th & 4th APRIL 2023. Please register during FEBRUARY. Please register [Growing in Faith Together — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](#)

SHROVE TUESDAY Mass in Honour of the Holy Face of Jesus will be celebrated at on 21st February at St. Justus' at 10am - Blessed Maria Pierina de Michelli reported a vision of Jesus in 1936 and of His desire of a special feast day on the Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday), to be preceded by a 9 day novena of prayer. In 1958, Pope Pius XII declared the feast of the Holy Face of Jesus for all Roman Catholics to be the day before Ash Wednesday. Prayer cards including the Golden Arrow prayer (which Our Lord dictated to Sister Marie of Saint Peter) and medals will be available and there are a few novena booklets. You can contact me, Jacqui Shaw, at church or by email jacquimshaw@yahoo.co.uk or tel: 01732 355019 for more information.

SVP CORPUS CHRISTI Donations of non-perishable food items, no clothes, please. Items can be left in the boxes in the Narthex. A voucher or money donation are very welcome.

FLOWER LADIES AT CORPUS CHRISTI are recruiting for more flower arrangers If this is something you might be interested in please contact Amy Stead 01732 352989 for more information.

TABLE TOP SALE on March 11th 9.00am-1.00pm in St Justus Church Hall. Items still needed! Anything that is saleable for church stalls! Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS There are Mass Intention envelopes available in the narthex of the churches which you can either put in the offertory or put through the presbytery door. Also, you can contact the Parish Office to arrange a date.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP cont'd 953423 or Sheila 07840 489204 for further information.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Danny Henry, Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Jim Ford, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, John Seeley and Brian Wilkins. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Lysbeth Howell, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Ainslie Browne, Evelyn Lyhane, Isabelle Shaw, Mavis O'Driscoll, Stella Walsh, Christopher Croucher, John Crowley, Doris Stevens, Guiliana Gray, Mary Moore and Susan Crowley.