



# 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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**Dust to Dawn:** Lent is a journey which begins with the dust of Ash Wednesday and ends with the dawn of Easter Sunday. Therefore we take Dust to Dawn as our theme for this Lent. Ashes remind us that we are created from the earth and it connects us with the rest of humanity and to all living things. While dust reminds us of our vulnerabilities and challenges, Lent offers us opportunities for spiritual renewal.

Lenten penance according to Pope Francis is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. Further in his message for this Lent, Pope Francis invites us to spend time to listen to the voice of Jesus as admonished at the time of the Transfiguration. Pope Francis writes, "Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need". Emphasizing the importance of focusing on Jesus in our Lenten journey, the Pope comments, "Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow 'him alone'. Let us prayerfully read and reflect on the word of God and set apart quality time to be with the Lord alone in this Lent. Fr. Saju

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

SATURDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6..00pm	Bernice Moreno RIP (Leila & Steve Sellen)
SUNDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Brian Murphy RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> Charlotte Ford RIP and for her family (Jacqui Shaw)
MONDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Charlotte Ford RIP (John & Jean Smallcombe)
TUESDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Wellbeing of the Weston Family (Barry Weston)
	10.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Stations of the Cross
		<b>Christian Meditation</b> (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
<b>SAINT DAVID – Bishop, Patron of Wales</b>		
WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	10.00am	<i>Priest offers Mass privately for</i> Father John Chatterton
	10.00am	<b>St Peter:</b> Stations of the Cross
THURSDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	10.00am	Catherine Singleton RIP (David Singleton) <b>Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm</b>
FRIDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	10.00am	Charlotte Ford RIP (Denise & Robin Hutton)
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Welfare of Brian Wilkins & family (Trisha & Richard Ames)
	6.00pm	Kathleen Faulks RIP (Mary O'Donnell)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT(A)</b>		
SUNDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera & Barry Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Theresa Coutinho RIP (Courtinho family)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> 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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

#### Stations of the Cross in Lent in the parish

Friday at 7.30 pm at Corpus Christi and Tuesday at 10 am in St Justus and Wednesday at 10 am at St. Peter's.

**YOUTH Club** :Meets on 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Fisher Hall, Years 7 – 11. On Sat 1 April we will be going **Bowling at the Hollywood Bowl** In Tonbridge Wells, All are welcome

Contact: [tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk)

**CORPUS CHRISTI FLOWER LADIES** meeting on **Monday**

6<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Sacristy.–

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING** on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm in the Fisher Hall for parents whose children are registered for this year's First Holy Communion programme.

**Mon 20 March at 7.30 pm: Meetings of all those who are involved in faith formation and Catechesis** (Parish Leads, Catechists, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, welcomers and all those who would like to be part of these ministry in the parish.

#### A Lenten retreat for the Archdiocese led by Archbishop

**John**, following the very encouraging response to the retreats of 2021 and 2022. 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>

**In Lent Fr Saju would like to visit the sick/housebound who would like to have a visit/Sacraments. Please contact the Parish office to plan it.**

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** At 9.30 am on Fri & Sat at Corpus Christi and 1<sup>st</sup> Tue of month at St. Justus. All are welcome.

**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:** This informal, friendly group is here for all those who have been bereaved, whether recently or years ago. Please ring Isabelle 07873 or Sheila 07840 489204 for further information.

**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 Aidaswe know who you all are:

**Account: RCASTonbridge**

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

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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** There is a second collection for the Clergy Support Fund. This Fund enables the Diocese to care for priests in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His people. There are envelopes available.

**THIS WEEKEND** at St Peter's Paul Whittle will be talking after Mass about the work of CAFOD. Fast Day envelopes are available, please return next weekend and put in the second collection which will be for the work of CAFOD in the aftermath of the Turkey & Syria earthquake.

**NEXT WEEKEND** Paul Whittle will be talking to us after Masses at Corpus Christi & St Justus about the work of CAFOD and there will be a second collection for the work of CAFOD in the aftermath of the Turkey & Syria earthquake.

**CAFOD FAMILY LENTEN FAST DAY** is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. There are envelopes available this weekend. Please bring your envelopes and put in the second collection next weekend.

**CC SOCIAL GROUP** Our next meeting is Tuesday 28th February at 10am for tea/coffee, cake, biscuits & chat. We have a presentation from: Richard Mason. A Hearing Aid Audiologist, from Hidden Hearing of Tunbridge Wells. Look forward to seeing you, bring your friends.

**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.

**MALAWI CONTAINER** - Following my appeal last November for volunteers to assist with administrating & overseeing this year's container, I am pleased to say two new parishioners Vipin & Shyla William will oversee this year's container. Therefore I shall launch our container appeal at all masses over the weekend of 11th/12th March. – Brian

**REPOSITORY CORPUS CHRISTI** There is a good selection of books and booklets for Lenten reading available for sale. Please do browse. Please put money in 'Repository' box in wall

**TABLE TOP SALE** on March 11<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 Keith Bayross, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Howard Murphy, John Brennan, Michael Nicoll, Arlette Remhof, Andrew O'Hare, John Jason, Simon Lawrence and Jim Scahill.