



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



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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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SALT and LIGHT- In today's gospel Jesus uses two metaphors to communicate the deeper meaning and implication of the gospel such as salt of the earth and light of the world. Our everyday life experiences inform us that salt lends flavour to food items. Similarly salt was used to season and preserve food. Salt is a powerful element that is renowned as a purifier in the Bible. When the people complained to Elisha about the contaminated water of the well that had caused the land to be unfruitful, the prophet cast some salt into the water saying, this is what the LORD says: I have purified this water; from now on it will no longer cause death or infertility (2Kings 2:19). The qualities of salt should be the spiritual qualities of being a disciple. Salt adds quality and flavour to food when it is merged with the food. It is indistinguishable from the rest of the food, but its presence or absence is noticed immediately. In the same way, the disciples of Jesus can only be truly effective when they are fully part of society while, at the same time, adding an unmistakable flavour to the community where they live into their discipleship rooted in the Gospel.

Light was the first thing God created. At the very beginning of creation, there was darkness all over the world but God created light and separated it from darkness (Gen. 1:3-5). Light represents goodness, joy and peace while darkness represents evil, sorrow and wickedness. Jesus calls himself the light of the world and those who follow him will not walk in darkness (Jn 8:12). St. Paul exhorts the Christians in Philippi "to be blameless and innocent in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world" (Phil 2: 15). The images of light and salt illustrate the positive role that we, as disciples of Jesus, are called to play in the world. In the words of the great French novelist, Albert Camus, 'The world today needs Christians who remain Christians'. Fr Saju.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 4th February 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OT (A)

SATURDAY 4 th Feb	12.00 noon 6..00pm	Baptism- Jude Deceased members of the Bayross family (Brian Bayross)
SUNDAY 5 th Feb	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip WestonRIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Cate Green RIP (Nigel & Family)
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 6 th Feb	10.00am	Private Intention (Margaret Pavlidis)
TUESDAY 7 th Feb	10.00am	St Justus: Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston) Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 8 th Feb		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately for Miss F M J Hone</i>
THURSDAY 9 th Feb	10.00am	Sharad Raval RIP (Tina Kirk) Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm
FRIDAY 10 th Feb	10.00am	David Moffatt RIP (Frank & Maureen Moffatt)
SATURDAY 11 th Feb	10.00am	Eric David Thorpe RIP (Eileen Thorpe)
	6.00pm	Michael Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
SIXTH SUNDAY OT (A)		
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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

YOUTHClub will be on Sat 4th Feb at 7pm in the Fisher Hall, Years 7 – 11. All are welcome.

tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION of Mgr Philip Moger will be on 21 February 2023. Let us keep him in our prayers.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST will take place on 11th February 2023 at the Cathedral. We pray for all who are commissioned from our parish on this day.

KENT MARRIAGE CAREA new ONLINE course. It is a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang. Growing in Faith Together consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for: married couples to enrich their friendship and love and engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together. The 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

[Growing in Faith Together — Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis \(rcaos.org.uk\)](#)

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

BAPTISM: Congratulations to Jude Smith who was baptized this weekend and to his family and God-parents.

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. For more information please email: jacquimshaw@yahoo.co.uk

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: They meet on the third Tuesday of the month 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. Do come along for support and friendship. For more information, please ring Isabelle (07873 953423) or Sheila (07840 489204).

PARISH FINANCE: The December monthly figures: Income of £24,137 and Expenditure of £23,443. 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 Aidas I know who you all are:

Account: RCASTonbridge

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

THIS WEEKEND There is a second collection for Catholic Association for Racial Justice to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

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.

STAY&PLAY - For all families with young children. Coffee, chat, play. Wednesdays 10-11.30am Fisher Hall. £1 per family. During term time.

THE HISTORY OF OUR PARISH Books are still available. Priced at £10 in the Narthex.

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.

ITEMS NEEDED for forthcoming Table Top Sale in St Justus Church Hall. Anything that is saleable for church stalls! Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE, PADDOCK WOOD Thank you for your donations. Donations can be left in the Narthex at St Justus. If you'd prefer, here are the details for an online bank transfer: Community Storehouse, HSBC Bank Sort code: 40-36-35 Acc No: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member.

THANK YOU from the SPUC for our collection for their White Flower Appeal which amounted to £442.20.

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Chiarina Radecke, Reginald Farquharson, Reginald Shilling, Mary Richardson, Mary Clayton, Gillian Regan, Patricia Spall, Sally Jones and Yeala Busk.