



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Blindness and Vision

Today as we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent we are called upon to renew our faith and experience Christ as the light of our life. The Gospel of today presents to us Jesus as the light of the world from the account of the curing of a man born blind. The man born blind is given sight in an extraordinary way. There was nothing exceptional about this man. He was not important. He was poor, a blind beggar, tapping his cane along the street and begging for a bit of food. He didn't even know who Jesus was, and he didn't ask to be cured. But when his eyes were opened how readily he accepted Jesus. Jesus Christ saw a man born blind, while his disciples and the Pharisees saw a sinner from birth, who is beyond redemption. The blind man became an evangelist and took on the unbelieving, blind Pharisees, explaining how Jesus must have come from God. The man who had been blind is able by way of faith to see who cured him, in all his depth and to profess his faith in Jesus. Pope Benedict XVI once observed that the miracle of healing of the blind man is a sign that Christ wants not only to give us sight, but also open our interior vision, so that our faith may become ever deeper and we may recognise him as our only Saviour. Jesus illuminates all that is dark in life and leads men and women to live as "children of the light". Whenever we approach others with prejudices, misunderstanding and judgement etc, we display our blindness. Let our spiritual journey in Lent lead to new vision. On Mothering Sunday I wish all of you who share motherhood spiritually and physically – **Happy Mother's Day.**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 11th March 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

SATURDAY 18 th Mar	6..00pm	Ernest Sharpe RIP (Georgina & Gordon Cuthbertson)
SUNDAY 19 th Mar	8.30am	St Justus: Thomas & Margaret Isard RIP (Pat Hook)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St. Peter: Joe & Anne Parsons RIP (Isabelle Parsons)
SAINT JOSEPH - Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church		
MONDAY 20 th Mar	10.00am	Welfare of Denis Daley (Margaret Abraham)
TUESDAY 21 st Mar	10.00am	St Justus: Holy Souls (Liam Collins)
	10.30am	St Justus: Stations of the Cross
	12noon	Corpus Christi: Requiem Mass for John Boardman
		Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 22 nd	10.00am	<i>Priest offers Mass privately for Lionel Bernard Neame</i> St Peter: Stations of the Cross
THURSDAY 23 rd Mar	10.00am	Felix Almeida RIP (Almeida family) Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm
FRIDAY 24 th Mar	10.00am	Sister Margaret Austin RIP (Margaret Pavlidis)
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Morning THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		
SATURDAY 25 th Mar	10.00am	Mrs Sam Burford RIP (David Burford)
	6.00pm	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT(A)		
SUNDAY 26 th Mar	8.30am	St Justus: Don & Elsie Covel RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Nicholas Rafferty RIP (Jean Rafferty)
	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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

YOUTHclub : Meets on 19^t March at 7pm in the Fisher Hall, Years 7 – 11. All are welcome. On Sat 1 April we will be

Bowling at the Hollywood Bowl in Tonbridge Wells:

Contact: tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

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.

RCIA: The second Scrutiny of the candidate

GOOD FRIDAY in Corpus Christi there will be praying around the empty cross 7.30pm-8.00pm.

SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION Friday 24th March after the 10.00am Mass, coffee as usual then over the Fisher Hall. Pierre Cotteret will present a short Introduction to the Shroud of Turin, an "icon written with the blood of a whipped man, crowned with thorns, crucified and pierced on his right side." (Pope Benedict XVI) "

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.

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

BAPTISM: Parent's Baptism Preparation is on Saturday 3rd June at 11.15am in the Fisher Hall. You cannot attend unless you have spoken to Fr Saju and contacted the Parish Office.

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 1st 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: LIVING WITH LOSS. In addition to our monthly meetings (which are held on 3rd Tuesday mornings at the Fisher Hall) the Bereavement Support Team would like to invite all who have been bereaved to a special Healing Mass, "Living with Loss," on Saturday 15th April, at 10am, at Corpus Christi, Tonbridge. Father Saju will celebrate a special Mass for all those who have lost a loved-one, with prayers for healing and peace of mind. This will be followed by refreshments in the Fisher Hall, and an opportunity to meet others in a similar situation.

The Bereavement Support Team will also be on hand. You are welcome to bring friends and family. Please let us know if you hope to attend. Thank you. Isabelle by text: 07873

PARISH FINANCE: February expenses Income £14,450 Expenditure £22,100. 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; Easter Offering: Quote ESTR; 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

THISWEEKEND Brian Wilkins will be launching the Malawi Container Appeal at St Justus.

THIS WEEKEND There is a second collection for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

ALTAR SEVERS EASTER SOCIAL is on Thursday 23 March, 5.30 pm -7.00 pm in the Fisher Hall.

READERS& EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ON ROTAS AT CORPUS CHRISTI Holy Week & Easter sign up lists are now on a table in the Narthex. Please sign up if you are able to read/minister at any of the services as soon as you are able to commit. The lists have to be prepared well in advance of Holy Week. Thank you.

THE MANDATUM – HOLY THURSDAY (Corpus Christi) If you would like to have your feet washed in the 8.00pm Mass then please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex.

WATCHING AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE – Holy Thursday after 8.00pm Mass till Midnight. If you are able to stay, please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex.

SALUT-Malawi We will be holding our annual Mothering Sunday collection from 2pm on Sunday 26 March 2023 in the Fisher Hall. Please bring your donation of ladies underwear, bars of soap and money to buy reusable pads. For more information please email salutmalawi@gmail.com or call 07914771357. Jacqui Nunes will give an update at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 19th March. A box for donations is in the narthex at Corpus Christi.

IMPORTANT: SAFES IN SACRISTY IN CORPUS CHRISTI If you hold a key for either safes, please let the Parish office know asap.

ST JUSTUS TABLE TOP SALE raised £225.15. Many thanks to those who helped prior to it, & on the day itself, & to everyone who supported it.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Our First Holy Communion children as they prepare for their First Confession on Tuesday 21st. Also, our Candidate who will be received into Full Communion with the Church in the Easter Vigil at Corpus Christi.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT cont'd 953423 or Sheila by email: sheilasprigge@gmail.com

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 Susan Connelly, Doreen Martin, Eileen Presnell, Leslie Green, Nicholas Rafferty, Josephine Smith, Alan Branch, Lily Wells and Gabrielle Kavanagh.