



# 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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**Listen to HIM** -In this second Sunday of Lent, the church presents us with the story of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ in the presence of his closest apostles, Peter, James and John. He took them up to the mountain to witness the revelation of His glory in the presence of Moses and Elijah. For Jesus this was a special moment. This was the important moment when he had to strengthen his disciples particularly the ones who had been chosen to be close to him during his ministry. The presence of Moses and Elijah is very significant. They represent the two great traditions of the Old Testament. Moses personified the Law of God's people and Elijah the traditions of the great prophets. Their presence and their talking with Jesus indicate their total endorsement of all that Jesus is doing and also of all that he will experience in the days to come. In other words, it confirms that Jesus is the natural continuation of their Jewish tradition and is fully part of it.

As Peter was speaking, the Gospel tells us, a bright cloud covered them. The cloud in the Old Testament is a symbol of the presence of God. From the cloud they heard a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" These are the exact words spoken at the baptism of Jesus. This identifies who Jesus is, confirming his divinity as God's son. We see that the emphasis is not on seeing the transfigured Jesus, but on listening to him. In Lent we need to find time to listen to Jesus. First of all we need to learn to listen to what life is saying in the present moment before trying to shape our prayer. Secondly, understand our life and the events around us through the eyes of the Gospel, by listening to Jesus in the silence of our heart, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament where we raise our head and see only Jesus. Fr Saju.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

SATURDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6..00pm	Kathleen Faulks RIP (Mary O'Donnell)
SUNDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Theresa Coutinho RIP (Courtinho family)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Austin Dunne RIP (Anne Dunne)
TUESDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> David Burford Intentions (Tina Kirk)
	10.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Stations of the Cross <b>Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation</b> (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	<i>Priest offers Mass privately for Stephen Cole RIP (Deborah Cole)</i> <b>St Peter:</b> Stations of the Cross
THURSDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Tina Kirk Intentions <b>Adoration 10.30am – 10.00pm</b>
FRIDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Victoria Hirst RIP (Frances Hirst)
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Holy Souls (Liam Collins)
	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT(A)</b>		
SUNDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Lee Johnson RIP (Marie Marriott)
	10.00am	Peter Wells Special Intentions (Brian & Martina Wilkins)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Marco McCabe RIP

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  
FISHER HALL BOOKINGS 01732 353984 during office hours – no evenings of weekends. Thank you.

#### 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.

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

**SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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) "

#### 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:** Next meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30am. 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 Aidasweknow 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** 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. Please put your Family Fast Day envelopes in this collection.

**NEXT WEEKEND** Brian Wilkins will be talking after all Masses regarding the launch of this year's container to Malawi.

**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 administering & overseeing this year's container, I am pleased to say two new parishioners Vipin & Shyla William will oversee this year's container.

**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.

**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

**PARISH TABLE TOP SALE** on March 11<sup>th</sup> 9.00am-1.00pm in St Justus Church Hall. Refreshments served. To book a stall and any enquiries please contact Joan 01892 838495. Admission by donation.

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND** of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. Donate Online: <https://rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf> • Telephone Mon-Fri 9am-5pm: 020 7960 2504 • Cash/Cheque -please use Clergy Support Fund envelopes at the back of the church

**During 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.**

**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 John Boardman, Father Paul Teece and Stephen Cole, 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.