



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



## Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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**Holy Week Journey:** This Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday. With the liturgy for Palm Sunday we enter into the final week of Jesus' life on earth. Holy Week begins with the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, then leading on to his passion, death and resurrection. This week's liturgy focuses also on us to prepare our hearts for the agony of His Passion and the joy of His Resurrection. In the passion narrative from the Gospel of Matthew we see Peter (Matt 26:58) following the arrested Jesus 'at a distance'; and then going inside to sit down in the courtyard (Matt 26:69) with others in order to hear the conversation of the people around. Subsequently we see Peter denying Jesus three times. Like Peter, if we keep distance from Jesus, the centre of the Holy Week liturgies and then focus on mere celebrations of Easter, we may keep denying Jesus. In our journey through the Holy Week, we need to delete anything that creates distance with Jesus while we participate in the celebrations of Holy Week. Let our intention be to attend the celebrations of Holy Week with great reverence and devotion. The Lenten talks of Canon Tom McHugh on Mon, Tue and Wed this week will help us to reflect on our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. I invite you with your family and friends to participate at the Lenten talks and the Holy Week celebrations in our parish. I wish you God's blessing and a fruitful Holy Week. **Fr Saju.**

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	12 noon 6..00pm	Baptism John Girdlestone RIP (Mary Girdlestone)
SUNDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	8.30am(Hall)	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera & Philip Weston (Barry Weston)
	<b>9.50am(Hall)</b>	Tony & Maria Chainey RIP (Catherine Collins)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	10.00am 7.30pm	Father Stephen Wray Lenten Talk :Dust – Sign of Conversion (Confession available)
TUESDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am 10.30am 7.30pm	<b>St Justus:</b> Stella Jennings RIP (Eileen Jennings) Lenten Talk : Washing of the Feet – Sign of Ministry (Confession available) <b>Corpus Christi:</b> Lenten Talk : Washing of the Feet – Sign of Ministry (Confession avail) <b>Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation</b> (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am 7.30pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral <b>St Peter:</b> Stations of the Cross Lenten Talk : Dawn of Easter – Sign of hope (Confession available)
<b>THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>		
THURSDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8.00pm 8.00pm	<b>St Justus:</b> Docherty Family <b>Corpus Christi:</b> Eileen Barton RIP (Catherine Collins)
<b>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>		
FRIDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	3.00pm 3.00pm 7.30pm	<b>St Justus:</b> Celebration of the Passion of the Lord <b>Corpus Christi:</b> Celebration of the Passion of the Lord <b>Corpus Christi:</b> Praying around the empty Cross.
<b>THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT</b>		
SATURDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8.30pm	<b>St Justus:</b> Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	8.30pm	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Welfare of Ken & Sue Marsh (Richard Thomas)
<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>		
SUNDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	<b>St Justus:</b> John snr, Molly & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup) PhilominaWilliam (Vipin William) <b>St Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**YOUTH Club :** Meets on 15<sup>th</sup> April Years 7 – 11. All are welcome. Contact: [tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk)

**Archdiocesan Youth Day** for (10-16 year olds) will take place at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 22nd April. The day will include a mixture of faith input, food, prayer and sport/crafts. Please see our website at <https://tinyurl.com/aprilyouthday> for further details and how to register. Please contact [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk) for further information

**SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**, 18th-25th August. "I'm delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. I warmly invite you to join us" For details, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca> (from Bishop Paul)

**ALTAR SEVERS DAY:** The annual Rally for Southwark Altar Servers will take place on May Day Bank Holiday (Monday 1st May 2023) at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the principal celebrant

**Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>** Mass of Healing 10.00am for the bereaved and their families. In addition to our monthly meetings ( 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. Fr. 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. You are welcome to bring friends and family. Please let us know if you hope to attend. Thank you. Isabelle by text: 0787953423 or Sheila by email: [sheilasprigge@gmail.com](mailto:sheilasprigge@gmail.com)

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

**NB NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY**

**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.

**EASTER SERVICES BOOKLETS. PLEASE PUT BACK IN THE NARTHEX BEFORE YOU LEAVE. SHOULD YOU FORGET PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Thank you!**

**THANK YOU** to my parish family for their prayers and love. You helped me through the last few difficult months. Never underestimate the power of prayer. Helen.

**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; 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**

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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- PALM CROSSES** -There are some crosses available in the narthex in Corpus Christi. Suggested donation per cross 20p. Proceeds to CAFOD Earthquake Appeal.

**NEXT WEEKEND COLLECTIONS** -are your personal gift to your parish priest. If you prefer to give by Bank Transfer please use the reference ESTR. Bank details above.

**THE MANDATUM – HOLY THURSDAY (Corpus Christi)** You are invited by Father Saju to have your feet washed. Please sign up on the list 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.

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Our Candidate who will be received into full communion with the Church during the Easter Vigil at Corpus Christi

**SALUT-MALAWI.** Thanks to everyone who contributed to our collection last Sunday, especially the Scouts whose cake sale raised more than £100! We packed 17 boxes of underwear and soap to reach a total of 33 boxes so far. Our target is 80 to benefit girls and women in all the parishes and schools we serve. More knickers (all sizes) and bars of soap are especially needed. Our next collection will be 2pm-4pm, Saturday 29 April 2023 in the Fisher Hall.

**MALAWI CONTAINER DONATIONS-** If you are able to help, please make your donations, either by cheque made payable to RCAS Tonbridge, please write on the envelope - Malawi Container Or donate via Bank Transfer with the Reference MT-CON. See payment details above. May I thank you for your continued support. If you are a gift aider both Tony & Ken will hold your details, so they will apply the gift aid.

**HOME COLLECTION FOR CONTAINER DONATIONS-** Should you not be able to bring your donations to church, please contact Colin O'Hara and team on mobile: 07733-691388 or e-mail: [colinohara8@gmail.com](mailto:colinohara8@gmail.com) Brian .

**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.

**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 Mary Steel, Bridget Russell, Joseph Blackwood, Clara Hogg, John Kenna, Ivy Henry, John Rissen, Hugh Murray, Patricia Mitchel, Anthony Roulinson and George Miller.