



# 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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## Road to Emmaus

The Easter accounts that we read after Easter Sunday suggest that Christ comes to the disciples in their ordinary life situations. Cleopas and an unnamed disciple, as we hear this Sunday, were on their way to Emmaus. Emmaus is a small town located seven miles northwest of Jerusalem. They were leaving Jerusalem and its disturbing events because for them, Jesus' death was an unmitigated tragedy. Now as they met a stranger on the way, they were surprised when this person expressed his ignorance of the events in Jerusalem. They told him about the crucified Jesus and how they had hoped in him. The stranger listened to their experiences. Eventually the stranger helped them to see these events through the lens of the Scriptures. In the evening of this journey, at the table fellowship, the two disciples recognised that the Stranger was Jesus. For, when Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and distributed it to them, their eyes were opened to recognise the Lord. The risen Lord meets us in our daily life situations. As His disciples we need to share our life situations with Jesus and then listen to him to understand our lives with the help of the Word of God. This is a personal encounter with Jesus which helps us to experience the burning of hearts in our spiritual life whenever we set aside time to journey with the Lord in prayer, meditation and reflection.

The breaking of the bread and the breaking of the Word at Holy Mass lead us to the same experience, having a new vision of faith, meeting Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us greatly desire to participate in the Holy Mass to experience the companionship of Jesus, one who walks with us and listens to our life stories and then heals them with Word and Eucharist. Fr. Saju

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 15th April 2023

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

SATURDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	6.00pm	Kieron Wood RIP (Elizabeth Johnson)
SUNDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Margaret Isard RIP (Pat Hook)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> Frances Patricia Parsons RIP (Isabelle Parsons)
MONDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	John Boardman RIP (Maura Branch)
<b>SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST</b>		
TUESDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Camilo Albasin RIP (Simplicia Ramm) <b>Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation</b> (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately for Florence Christine O'Grady</i>
THURSDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	John Boardman RIP (Margaret Pavlidis)
FRIDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am	Tai Foo RIP (Amy Stead)
<b>Morning - SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENNA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH, PATRON OF EUROPE</b>		
SATURDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10.00am 6.00pm	John Boardman RIP & for the consolation of Monica (Nicholls family) Keith Bayross RIP (Brian Bayross)
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b>		
SUNDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Brian Murphy RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Lloyd Mappley RIP (Carol Mappley)

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 during office hours, no weekend calls.

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**YOUTH Club :** Meets on 29th April Years 7 – 11. All are welcome. Contact: [tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk)

**ALTAR SEVERERS 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.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Next meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am in the Fisher Hall. This informal, friendly group is here for all those who have been bereaved, whether recently or years ago. Please ring Isabelle 07873953423 or Sheila 07840 489204 for further information.

**MAY FAIR:** on Saturday 20th May 11.00pm -1.00pm in St Justus Church Hall.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS** All volunteers who require a DBS clearance to do their role are requested to attend a Safeguarding Training Day on Sat 20th May, 2-4pm in Fisher Hall. Tea and cake will be provided.

[tonbridgesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgesg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

**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.

**PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS MEETING** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 8.00pm in the Fisher Hall.

### This Week in the Parish

**Morning Prayer:** Monday at 9.40 am

**ADORATION:** Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm

**Rosary:** At 9.30 am on Fri & Sat at Corpus Christi

**HOLY FACE DEVOTION** - Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi

**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).

**Confession: Sat 10.30 am-11 am & 5pm-5.45 pm at CC**

**ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH DAY** for (10-16 year olds) will be 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 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

**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.

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AT CORPUS CHRISTI:** Martina is retiring from organising coffee after mass on Sunday mornings, in June after 34 years. We need a volunteer to take over the coffee Rota & overseeing the running of the coffee teams. Please contact Martina on 01732-366846.

**FISHER HALL – PARISH GROUPS USERS**-The Hall Committee want to utilise the limited storage facilities and need to know what groups have existing storage and the requirements of groups who do not. Please contact Dave Swarbrick via the parish office. There are lots of items lying around in the meeting room making it look untidy and unkempt which need to be tidied away. The meeting room is a valuable part of the hall income

**PARISH FINANCE:** Your donations are needed and greatly appreciated. In February, the parish had ordinary income of £16,702 and expenditure of £14,161. These figures exclude specific and second collections. Thank you for all your contribution. 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 Aid as we know who you all are:

**Account: RCAS Tonbridge**

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

Parish Finance chair:

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Gift-aid: Tony Mahoney

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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 maintenance of St George's Cathedral. St George's is the mother church of the diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of the cathedral. Gift-aiders please use your appropriate envelope.

**NEXT WEEKEND** There is a second collection for diocesan Priest Training Fund. The priesthood has always been essential to the life of the Church. Good Shepherd Sunday is the day we pray for vocations, for our priests and take this collection. This fund pays for the formation of men to become priests in our Archdiocese. The diocese therefore relies on your generous support and prayers. Please support our priests with this collection. Gift-aid envelopes are available.

**PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**- The AGM will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Fisher Hall. The Agenda and Nominations forms are attached to the electronic version of the newsletter but if you do not get these then please apply to the parish office or ken. Contact details are in the newsletter.

**CC SOCIAL GROUP** - Our next group meeting is next Tuesday (25th April) from 10am, for tea/coffee, cake & biscuits & plenty of chat. This month we have a presentation from the Guide Dog association, everyone is most welcome, bring your friends.

**SALUT-Malawi** - 33 boxes are packed - that's almost 40% of our underwear target. We have also bought reusable pads for 132 girls so far. Thank you for your continued support. We still need underwear for teenage girls. Donations can be left in the SALUT-Malawi box in the Narthex or to our second collect and sort session that will be held between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 29 April 2023 at the Fisher Hall. Cash donations can be donated via Bank Transfer with the Reference MT SALUT to the payment details above in 'Finance'. The lovely handmade cards made by Betty at St Justus have raised £80 for Salut- Malawi – thank you to all who have supported her initiative.

**PARISH MAY FAIR** in St Justus church hall. Donations of bric-a-brac and raffle items, bottles, cans (for Hoop-la) and plants would be gratefully received. There is a sign-up list to donate a cake/s in the narthex in St Justus. Items can be left in the parish office or in narthex in St Justus church, clearly marked, please.

**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, Brian Wilkins and Nigel Green.

**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 Josephine Curtis, Kim Smith, Cate Green, Dot Eason, Denis Woodgate, Tai Foo, Alan Branch, Lily Wells, Ivor Britton and Pat Czerniawsky.