



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is termed as the Good Shepherd Sunday. In recent times this day has also become known as Vocations Sunday, a day on which prayers should be said for vocations to the priesthood, Diaconate and religious life.

In the Old Testament, the image of the Shepherd is often applied to God as well as to the leaders of the people. The **book of Exodus** presents Yahweh several times as a shepherd. The prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel compare Yahweh's care and protection of His people to that of a shepherd. "He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against His breast and leading the mother ewes to their rest" (Is. 40:11). Ezekiel represents God as a loving shepherd who searches diligently for the lost sheep. Psalm 23 is David's famous picture of God as The Good Shepherd: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack." In the New Testament, Jesus truly embodies all the above qualities; so he can rightly be called the Good Shepherd. In the Gospel passage for this Sunday we hear Jesus claiming himself to be the Shepherd and the Gate. Here shepherd represents in Jesus ownership and relationship, he calls each sheep by name. They recognised his voice and stayed close to him. 'I am the gate of the sheep' represents His leadership as one who leads the sheep from the front. We are called to be shepherds who care for others. The metaphor of the sheep and shepherd is meant to evoke a sense of care and protection, as well as a shared sense of purpose and belonging among the members of the Church. Fr. Saju

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS 29th April 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

SATURDAY 29 th Apr	6.00pm	Keith Bayross RIP (Brian Bayross)
SUNDAY 30 th Apr	8.30am	St Justus: Brian Murphy RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St. Peter: LLOYD Mappleby RIP (Carol Mappleby)
MONDAY 1 st May	10.00am	John Boardman RIP (Pat & Barry Mundy)
TUESDAY 2 nd May	10.00am	St Justus: Nigel Knight RIP (Barry Weston) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES		
WEDNESDAY 3 rd May		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately for Holy Souls (Liam Collins)</i>
THE ENGLISH MARTYRS		
THURSDAY 4 th May	10.00am	Keith Bayross RIP (Brian Bayross)
FRIDAY 5 th May	10.00am	His Majesty the King
SATURDAY 6 th May	10.00am	Kevin & Liam Collins
	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)		
SUNDAY 7 th May	8.30am	St Justus: John snr, Molly & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)
	10.00am	Simon Boardman RIP (Monica Boardman)
	12noon	St Peter: Sarah & Harry Brice RIP (Hilary Murphy)

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

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. **Seven** of our Altar Servers will be enrolled into the Guild/receive their medals and 4 more will renew their promises on the day.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Next meeting Tuesday 16th 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 -2.00pm 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

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.

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. Tuesday 2nd May after Mass at St Justus.

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 Tuesdays after Mass at St Justus.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS at St Augustine's Tunbridge Wells, Tuesdays at 7:30 on 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th May and 6th June plus a day retreat at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 27th May, 11-5pm. A wonderful opportunity to renew our faith and prepare for the feast of Pentecost. Explore what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Weekly talks and discussion - daily reflections. Register at bit.ly/SOUTHWARK2023 or contact Paul Whittle at tonbridgeple@rcaos.org.uk

VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60 minute webinar on Tuesday 9th May at 7pm entitled The Good Shepherd Calls where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by registering for this event in advance by using following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8122222222>

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:

Ken Marsh tonbridgegac@rcaos.org.uk 01892527270

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 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 22nd 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.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AT CORPUSCHRISTI: 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 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.

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.

The Archbishop has granted a dispensation from Friday Abstinence on Friday 5 May.

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, Nigel Green and Carol Mappleby.

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 Brendan Gilliat-Smith, Cella Chapman, Alice MacDonald, Isabella Thomas, Iris Kerrigan, Norman Brinson and Patricia Green.