



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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TAKE A LITTLE WORD.

There are many ways of beginning the inward journey to our own hearts. We shall each find the way that suits us best. But *The Cloud of Unknowing* suggests one very simple step.

‘When you sit down to pray in quietness and feel God is calling you to this kind of prayer, then simply lift up your heart in a loving way. To the God who created you, the God who rescued you. To the God who is now calling you to this way of being with him in silence. If you wish, you can enfold this reaching out to God in a single word.

Take a little word, of one syllable. The shorter the better. Maybe a word like “God” or “love”. Choose any word you like, a word of one syllable that you like best. Fix this word in your heart, so that whatever happens it will not go away. This word is your protection, whether you are at peace or disturbed. With this word you beat on the cloud that stands between you and God. With this word you can beat down any other thoughts that assail you. Any other thoughts can be met with this one little word. Good thoughts as well as disturbing ones. Stay with your word, and you will find that all other thoughts will not trouble you for long.

“That is a beginning of being there. And when you are there God can relate to you. God cannot speak to you if you are not actually there”.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 13th May 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

SATURDAY 13 th May	6.00pm	Elias Pavlidis RIP (Margaret Pavlidis)
SUNDAY 14 th May	8.30am	St Justus: Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	John Boardman RIP (Mike & Jenny Lewey)
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 15 th May	10.00am	Keith Bayross RIP (Brian Bayross)
TUESDAY 16 th May	10.00am	St Justus: Judith Hirst RIP (Frances Hirst) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 17 th May		<i>Mass will be celebrated privately for Philip Neri Francis Heath</i>
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD		
THURSDAY 18 th May	10.00am	At St Margaret’s School
	12noon	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	8.00pm	Corpus Christi: Special Intentions Anne & Gerard Jones
Friday 19 th May	10.00am	Patricia O’Shaughnessy RIP (Keen family)
SATURDAY 20 th May	10.00am	Mathew Gale RIP (Frances Hirst)
	6.00pm	Vincent Almeida RIP (Almeida family)
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)		
SUNDAY 21 st May	8.30am	St Justus: Celia O’Neal RIP (Dermot O’Neil)
	10.00am	Harold Blackaby RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
	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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

YOUTH Club : Meets on 13th May Years 7 – 11. All are welcome. Contact: tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

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.

PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS MEETING Monday 15th 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. First Tuesday of the month 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.

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.

STAY&PLAY - For all families with young children. Coffee, chat, play. Wednesdays 10-11.30am Fisher Hall. £1 per family. During term time.

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

REPOSITORY CORPUS CHRISTI There is a good selection of cards and gifts for First Holy Communion. Please do browse. Please put money in 'Repository' box in wall

PARISH FINANCE: In March, the parish had ordinary income of £17,774 and expenditure of £14,314. These figures exclude specific and second collections. Thank you for all your contribution. **We now welcome** your contribution to offertories, second and any other collections via card machines at the back of the church and in Fisher Hall which can be made after Sunday morning mass during the coffee morning. You can register for gift aid through the card you use to make payments. Direct any questions to Zoltan Bendiner at tonbridgebookkeeper@rcaos.org.uk Many of you use Bank Transfers 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

NEXT WEEKEND is World Communications Day and there is a second collection for the Catholic Communications Network.

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.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – TONBRIDGE CEMETERY

Sunday 11th June at 12noon. Maura Branch, who is organising this, will be talking after Mass on weekend of 20th/21st May. Please get your details ready for her if you would like to attend the service in Tonbridge Cemetery.

MALAWI CONTAINERS for the Malawi Container - Could we please have any items that you wish to donate for the Malawi Container before **Monday 22nd May 2023**. We still have space available. Thank you. Brian

SALUT-Malawi. Thank you to all those who have donated soap, ladies' underwear and money for buying reusable pads. We have now packed 46 boxes, including pads for almost 150 girls. Last week the South Tonbridge WI gave us a large donation of underwear and soap and Bennett Memorial Diocesan School gave us a second generous donation to buy more pads. Thank you for your support.

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.

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 Mappley.
HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, especially Fr Patrick Aitkens, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Mary Harrison, Wally Borland, Baby Liam Wilkins-Mills, Michael Cawley, Jean Croucher, Anne Thompson, Keith Viner, Gerard Murphy, Charles Weighell and Ellen Piddington.