



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



## Corpus Christi

41 Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge  
TN9 1EY

## St. Justus

Mount Pleasant, Paddock Wood  
TN12 6AG

## St. Peter

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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**A QUIET PLACE** In our journey into silence we are not left on our own. What we are invited to do is to find a quiet place and set aside some time. To find a quiet place where we can rest and allow the Lord to gather us into his peace, we do not have to look far. That place is in ourselves, but we have never been shown how to find it. To find a quiet oasis of solitude within we first have to try to bring our body, mind and spirit into a state of quietness. But the more we try to bring our mind to inner quiet, the more it seems to rebel. There are techniques that will help us bring the mind into its narrow shed. Posture and breathing will help us find the still centre of our being: try to be attentive and open; sit still, sit as straight as we can; breathe slowly, deeply and naturally. Our hands on our lap, our feet firmly planted on the ground. We need to sit alert, relaxed and perceptive. We can close our eyes or fix our gaze on one thing – an icon, a light, a flower. Take some deep breaths and relax. We do not do anything except watch our breathing for as long as we can. We choose our phrase or a word and abandon all effort except to repeat that little word or phrase. We come back to our word, without annoyance or upset, whenever we find we have wandered. Gently, come back to the centre, to where Christ is, in the centre of our heart. And we keep doing this no matter how many times the mind wanders. No matter how often we have to drag the mind back to its narrow shed, we do not get bothered or give up. We rest and leave everything in God's hands.

### MASS AND INTENTIONS 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023

#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)

SATURDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> July	12 noon 6.00pm	Baptism Mildred Perera RIP (Pryanka & family)
SUNDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Anula Geethani Perera RIP (Pryanka Perera)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish
<b>SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE</b>		
MONDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	10.00am	Welfare of Tom Clarke (David Burford)
TUESDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Special Intentions Ken Marsh (Tina Kirk)
		<b>Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)</b>
WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup>		<i>No Mass</i>
THURSDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am	Welfare of Maria Neves (Jackie Almeida) Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am	Marguerite Simo RIP (Nguenkam family)
SATURDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am	Holy Souls
	6.00pm	Patricia O'Shaughnessy RIP (Keen Family)
<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)</b>		
SUNDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> July	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Paul Fox RIP (Elspeth Fox)
	10.00am	Peter and Valerie Plunkett RIP
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> 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

Hall Bookings: Please contact the parish office during office hours 01732 353984 or by email. Not in the evenings or weekends.

Please avoid leaving a message

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

**YOUTH Club:** Meets on 24<sup>th</sup> June Years 7 – 11. All are welcome. Contact: [tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk)

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Next meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 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.

**BAPTISM** Please see Father Saju after Mass to make your request. No baptisms can be arranged unless the parents have registered with the parish office and attended the parish Parents Baptism Preparation session. The next one is Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 11.15am 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 10.30am -11.15am & 5pm-5.45 pm at CC : NO CONFESSIONS AT ST JUSTUS DURING JULY except by request to the priest.**

**EARLY WARNING! CONFIRMATION** If you are in Year 8 or above (from September 2023) and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be preparation beginning Saturday 13th January 2024. The sessions will be from 4.30pm-5.30pm every Saturday followed by Mass at 6.00pm. The Mass of Confirmation will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 at 12noon, Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the Celebrant. Registration Forms will be available from September. For further details please email [tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk)

**RCIA:** Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or would like to explore your faith, then please come along to our RCIA sessions which will begin in September 2023. Please email [tonbridgercia@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgercia@rcaos.org.uk) to register your interest.

**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.

**MANY OF YOU have still have not collected your GIFT AID BOXES (or Envelopes for Standing Order payers) from the Narthex, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you**

**PARISH FINANCE:** In April, the parish had ordinary income of £26,846 and expenditure of £23,059. These figures exclude second collections and Malawi donations. Thank you for all your contributions. If you are not part of the Standing Order, we 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](mailto: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:

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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 Peter's Pence.

**NEXT WEEKEND** there is a second collection for Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea) who provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers. Stella Maris relies solely on voluntary contributions and can only continue their work through our donations.

**MASS INTENTIONS** We are in urgent need of Mass Intentions for Father Steven for July, at Corpus Christi and at St Justus, for weekdays and there are a few weekend dates available. Your offerings for a Mass are a vital source of income to the priest celebrating the Mass. There are Mass request envelopes available which can be put in the collection or put through the presbytery door, and requested via the parish office by phone and by email.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** would like to thank the parish for your past generosity. We have had some specific requests for the following: - Aptimol Stage 1 baby formula, baby food - jars or pouches 6 - 8 months, Size 5 nappies, baby wipes. Any help in donations of these goods would be most appreciated. If you don't have time to shop we welcome any donations in our box in the wall on the left at the back of the church. Many thanks.

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

**WE WELCOME** this weekend, Father Steven Bulambo from Malawi, who will be looking after our Pastoral care whilst Father Saju is on leave. Father Steven is one of the priests linked with our parish Malawi-Twin. We hope that Father Steven settles in well and has a happy stay in the parish.

**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, Carol Mappley and Alan Jarek. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, especially Michael Guttman-Kenney, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this Peter Kennedy, James Austin, Rosemary Mumford, Kenneth Shaw, Father Laurence Hobbs, Bryan Lehane, Josephine Searle, Terence Driscoll, Amelia Gaywood, Louise Lynch, Mollie Lloyd, Patrick Reid, John O'Shea, Margaret May and Paul Fox.