



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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GOD DWELLS WITHIN - AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO Augustine always sees the spiritual journey not as a going out, to find God outside, but as a journey inwards. 'He bade me shut the door the door of our secret chamber and pray in secret' he writes. "That is the soundless secret places of our hearts. For we pray to him in the silence of our hearts." The basis of true prayer for Augustine is the promise Jesus gave that he would live in us when he said to his disciples, 'make your home in me as I make mine in yours'. And after his last meal with the disciples Jesus told them 'I shall not leave your orphans. I shall come to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see that I live and you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you' (John 14: 18-20). A little later Jesus said 'Anyone who loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home in him' (John 14:23). Which is why Augustine urges us: 'Wheresoever you are, wheresoever you may be praying, he who hears you is within you, hidden within. For he who hears you is not merely by your side, and you have no need to go wandering about, no need to be reaching out to God as though you would touch him with your hands. Wheresoever you are, wheresoever you may be praying, he who hears you is within you, hidden within.' Meister Eckhart, one of the great mystics, several centuries later taught: 'You need not seek him here or there, he is no further than the door to your heart; he stands patiently awaiting whoever is ready to open up and let him in. No need to call to him from afar; he can hardly wait for you to open up. He longs for you a thousand times more than you long for him.

In his poem 'Emerging' R S Thomas, a Welsh clergyman, explores the nature of true prayer. *I would have knelt long, wrestling with you, wearing you down. Hear my prayer Lord, hear my prayer. As though you were deaf, myriads of mortals have kept up their shrill cry, explain your silence by their infirmness. It begins to appear this is not what prayer is about. It is the annihilation of difference, the consciousness of myself in you, and you in me'.*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 15th July 2023

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)

SATURDAY 15 th July	6.00pm	John Tilbury RIP (Margaret Tilbury)
SUNDAY 16 th July	8.30am	St Justus: Ken, Gladys & Susan Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Wendy O'Hara RIP (Colin O'Hara)
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 17 th July	10.00am	In thanksgiving (Vipin Williams & family)
TUESDAY 18 th July	10.00am	St Justus: Mrs Sam Burford RIP (David Burford) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 19 th		<i>No Mass</i>
THURSDAY 20 th July	10.00am	Welfare of Celia Castellari (Mahoney family) Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm
Friday 21 st July	10.00am	For the lapsed & unbelievers in my family (Jacqui Shaw)
Morning – SAINT MARY MAGDALENE		
SATURDAY 22 nd July	10.00am	Special Intentions Sarah & Rikki (Jacqui Shaw)
	6.00pm	John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)		
SUNDAY 23 rd July	8.30am	St Justus: Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	Archibald Mascarenhas RIP (Christina Carr)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

+ THE REQUIEM MASS FOR ROBINA SCAHILL IS ON THURSDAY 27th JULY AT 12 NOON IN CORPUS CHRISTI

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

YOUTH Club: Years 7 – 11. Contact:

tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Next meeting Tuesday 18th July 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 2nd 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 22nd 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

RCIA: Are you interest 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 tonbridgecia@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. **No meetings in August & September.**

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 May, the parish had ordinary income of £13,110 and expenditure of £16,740. In addition, the parish made £368 of contribution to diocesan second collections, namely the Priest Training Fund and to the Catholic Communications Network. 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. 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.

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

tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk - 01732 773531.

Can I remind parishioners that cheques for the parish need to be made out to 'RCAS Tonbridge', Many thanks. **Ken**

PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS Thank you to everyone who has requested Mass Intentions for July, all the dates are now taken.

CC SOCIAL GROUP - Our next meeting is Tuesday 25th July, as normal we meet from 10am for tea/coffee, cake & biscuits with time to talk. Our speaker this month will be: MAF Mission Aviation Fellowship. Aircraft fly into more than a 1, 000 destinations, transporting food and water, health professionals and medical supplies and emergency workers and Christian missionaries where they are needed most. We look forward to seeing you.

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 monetary 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.

CHERUBS will be finishing for the summer on Sunday 16th July and will resume Sunday 3rd September.

ITEMS NEEDED Good quality items are needed for our church stalls at the next table-top sale to be held in the St Justus Church Hall. Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854

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 Mappleby and Alan Jarek.

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 Dora Austin, Bernard O'Brien, John Murray, Joyce Law, Henry Groenendyk, Henry Johnstone, Mary Crawford, Henry Wilcek, Antony Eastham, Marianne Bertram and Joan Lovell.