



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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STREAMS OF LIVING WATER Many people wanting to make spiritual progress, wanting to know God and his love, fall into the trap of starting from the outside and working inwards, beginning with outer virtues and hoping little by little to change within. But for Augustine change has to be from inside out. He writes: 'At the well where Our Lord sat down to rest great mysteries took place.' He was referring to the time when Jesus was making his way back to Galilee at the end of his ministry in Judaea. Tired by the journey, Jesus sat down by Jacob's well. A Samaritan woman came to draw water and Jesus told her. "Whoever drinks this water will be thirsty again, but no one who drinks the water that I shall give will ever be thirsty again: the water I shall give you will become a spring of water within, welling up for eternal life' (John 4:13-14). At another time, after teaching in the temple at Jerusalem. Jesus said: 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me! Let anyone who believes in me come and drink. As scripture says, "From the heart shall flow streams of living water"' (John 7:37-38). That is the pledge. We shall drink from the stream of living water within. Gradually this will lead to growth and transformation in our lives. It all has to happen within, and God is working in us and with us to achieve it. In the early stages of our quiet prayer we begin to discover the areas of our lives where the streams of living water which Jesus offers us turned into stagnant pools. We may find ourselves asking: 'Have I always been so angry and just never noticed it?' or, like the student. 'Have I always lived with these negative thoughts?' Over the years we have trained ourselves to stop the stream of life from flowing. We have created our whirlpools and defended them. It takes time to see our defensiveness. Patience and time spent in the Lord's healing presence helps us to see our manoeuvres more clearly. It may be unpleasant, but it is also a bit like taking huge draughts of fresh air. Silence purifies, silence empties. By taking refuge in the silence and allowing our minds and hearts to become quiet, the stagnant pools will be freed and the stream of living water will flow again from the depths of our being.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 22nd July 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)

SATURDAY 22 nd July	6.00pm	John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)
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
MONDAY 24 th July	10.00am	Intentions (Vipin Williams & family)
SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE		
TUESDAY 25 th July	10.00am	St Justus: Special Intentions Ken Marsh (Frances Hirst) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 26 th		<i>No Mass</i>
THURSDAY 27 th July	10.00am	Denis & Eileen Harrington RIP Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm
	12noon	Requiem Mass for Robina Scahill
Friday 28 th July	10.00am	In thanksgiving for the gift of life (Vipin Williams & family)
SATURDAY 29 th July	10.00am	Intentions Catherine & Steven Collins (Catherine Collins)
	6.00pm	Dorothy O'Hara RIP (Colin O'Hara)
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)		
SUNDAY 30 th July	8.30am	St Justus: For the People of the Parish
	10.00am	Mina Wood RIP (Stephen & Suzy Wood)
	12noon	St Peter: Angela Brunning RIP & for the consolation of her family (Isabelle Parsons)

St. Margaret Clitherow Primary School, Trench Road, Tonbridge Tel. 01732 358000 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: Meetings will resume after the summer break, in September. 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.

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 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. **No meetings in August & September.**

CHERUBS have now finished for the summer break and will resume Sunday 3rd September.



PARISH FINANCE: 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 as we know who you all are:

Account: RCAS Tonbridge

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

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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

CC SOCIAL GROUP - 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.

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

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

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 Giuseppina di Cara, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Josephine Burton, Ronald Fisher, Thomas Breen and Geoff Cox.