



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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COMPASSION What are we supposed to do with the faults and failings we begin to recognise in ourselves during our silent prayer – our jealousy, say, our impatience, our tendency to judge? Silence gives us the confidence to look at the shadow side of our lives, and the parable of the wheat and the darnel in Matthew’s Gospel helps us to answer this question. The field of our lives yields both weeds and healthy crops, good qualities and bad; darnel springs up among the wheat. If we follow the advice in the Gospel we would not be eager to root out the weeds. Jesus says, “Let them grow” (Matthew 13:30) If we can live with our faults, and not take a sledge-hammer to them, they can be of use to us. If we do not recoil and run away from them, if we can let them be, then we can learn a great deal. ‘Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate,’ Jesus told the crowds. “Do not judge, and you will not be judges; do not condemn and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven’ (Luke 6:36-38) How important it is for us to look on ourselves, with such compassion. When, instead of hating myself for my faults, I learn to be compassionate towards my own weaknesses then I will learn to be more understanding of the weaknesses of others. The more intolerant I am of my own failures and faults the more intolerant I will be of other people’s failings. This is not a licence to be indifferent to our faults, to be self-indulgent, to behave just as we like. No, it is a way of treating our weaknesses not with severity and hatred, but seeing them as aids, to teach us patience and compassion, tolerance and understanding. If I can learn this balance, if I can hold the goodness and weakness of my life in this way, then my relationships with others will flourish. The kingdom of God is about building relationships – a healthy relationship with ourselves first, then healthy relationships with others and so with God. If I can be compassionate towards my own failings, as he is compassionate, then this tolerance and understanding will naturally flow towards others. I shall become a compassionate person. I shall be building his kingdom. God knows our faults and he loves us. He will take care of them. It is not the weeds in our lives that God is interested in. He is interested in the wheat, which he will gather into his barn. Our weeds he will tie in bundles and throw into the fire. ‘Do not abandon your gifts,’ Augustine prayed. ‘Do not desert the field in which you have sown the seed, until your harvest is stored in the heavenly barn.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 29th July 2023

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)

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| SATURDAY 29 th July | 6.00pm | Dorothy O’Hara RIP (Colin O’Hara) |
| 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) |
| MONDAY 31 st July | 10.00am | Maud Preston & her Relatives |
| TUESDAY 1 st Aug | 10.00am | St Justus: Laurence Grainger RIP (Lyn Pool) |
| | | Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm) |
| WEDNESDAY 2 nd | | <i>Priest will celebrate Mass privately for Daniel & Elizabeth Wall</i> |
| THURSDAY 3 rd Aug | 10.00am | Robina Scahill RIP (Margaret Pavlidis) Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm |
| Friday 4 th Aug | 10.00am | Simon Boardman RIP (Monica Boardman) |
| SATURDAY 5 th Aug | 10.00am | In honour of the Holy Face of Jesus (Jacqui Shaw) |
| | 6.00pm | Les Barrett RIP (P O’Toole) |
| THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD | | |
| SUNDAY 6 th Aug | 8.30am | St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston) |
| | 10.00am | Jean & John O’Shea RIP |
| | 12noon | St Peter: For the People of the Parish |

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.

FISHER HALL We are still receiving complaints about the state of the hall and its cleanliness. When you use the hall please leave it in a clean state especially the kitchen. If you use the hall and find it unclean please report to the parish office so we can trace the previous users. Thank you!

We welcome Father Saju back to the parish this week after his summer break

PARISH FINANCE: June, the parish had ordinary income of £18,583 and expenditure of £13,758. In addition, the parish made £384 of contribution to diocesan second collections, namely the Day for Life collection and Peter’s Pence to support the Vatican. This month’s income has been elevated due to a few one-offs, including delayed and thus double credits for gift aid from last month on top of this month’s; and quarterly interest income from the diocese. These provide a natural offset to last month’s shortfall. Thank you for all your contribution and support.” 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

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

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.

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

PRESBYTERY PARKING The parking space at the side of the presbytery is for clergy and office only. Parishioner’s parking is the Fisher Hall car park, if it is full at Mass times, then you might have to double park just for attending Mass.

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

We say ‘au revoir’ to Father Steven on Monday and thank him for looking after our pastoral needs whilst Father Saju has been away. We wish him a safe journey home and wish God’s blessings on his ministry in Malawi.

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 Maria Argento, Margaret Hayward, Ivy Swift, Ronald Fisher, Caroline Noone, Deacon Bill Eason, Patrick Whelan and Angelica Raimondi.