

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

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OUR NOTION OF GOD – ST AUGUSTINE Many of us have been brought up to see God as one who *chooses* us, or who calls us, a demanding God who selects us for some purpose. We are not sure what his plan for us is. We worry about our response. We worry about becoming indifferent. We worry about thwarting his will for us. But we feel there is an insistent call: to improve our lives, to change our ways, to be of more service to others. What torment this can lead to! Some people are scared of coming close to God in case he asks for more, demands more, or demands more than we are prepared to give. If this is our notion of God we can become discouraged in prayer. We may feel we are failing to pray properly. We blame ourselves. We feel we are not making enough effort, that we are not concentrating, or that our faith is not strong enough. Because we feel that God is calling us to put our best efforts into pleasing him we try to make a greater effort. If we fail again, we lose heart. And then we are in a vicious circle. The popular idea of a 'choosing' God, one theologian tells us, is at odds with the God he finds in the writings of Augustine. The God he meets there is before all else a God who draws us to himself to give us peace in our restless hearts, the one who wishes to bring us into his peace. St Augustine's God is simply the God who comes to us, indeed has already come, to give rest to our troubled hearts and minds. God of course does choose people, does call people, but this is not where Augustine's relationship with God begins. "God is delight,' he declares, 'and we rest in delight with him, called home from the noise that is all around us to the joys that are silent. Why do we rush about to the top of heaven and the bottom of the earth' he asks, 'looking for him who is here at home with us, if only we could be at home with him?' So prayer for Augustine was not an encounter with a choosing or a judging or demanding God, a God up there, or out there. Prayer for him, first of all, was an invitation to rest in the God who dwells in our hearts. Taking Augustine as one of our guides into deeper prayer changes our notion of God and can liberate us from the mistaken feeling that we are failing or not doing enough in our prayer life. It is not our own efforts that lead us into prayer. We cease from effort and allow God to do all.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 8th July 2023		
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)		
SATURDAY 8th July	6.00pm	Patricia O'Shaughnessy RIP (Keen Family)
SUNDAY 9 th July	8.30am	St Justus: Paul Fox RIP (Elspeth Fox)
	10.00am	Peter and Valerie Plunkett RIP
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 10 th July	10.00am	For the Foo & Stead families (Amy Stead)
SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE		
TUESDAY 11 th July	10.00am	St Justus: Holy Souls (Liam Collins)
		Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 12 th		No Mass
THURSDAY 13 th July	10.00am	Margery Shanahan RIP Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm
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Friday 14 th July	10.00am	Jim & Dora Austin RIP
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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

YOUTH Club: Meets on 24th June Years 7 – 11.All are welcome.Contact:tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Next meeting Tuesday 20th 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 2nd September 11.15am in the Fisher Hall.

Congratulations to Linnea Vassallo, who was baptized in Corpus Christi last weekend, and to her parents and godparents

This Week in the Parish:

MORNING PRAYER: Monday at 9.40 am

request to the priest.

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

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 emailtonbridgecatechist@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.

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

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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 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. There are a few envelopes available.

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

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.

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

WE WELCOME Canon Luke Smith who will be celebrating the Sunday Masses at Corpus Christi together with Father Steven. Father Luke, as many of you will know, lived in Hadlow and was a parishioner and was Ordained to the Priesthood here in Corpus Christi in 1995.

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 Robina Scahill, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Amelia Gaywood, Christopher O,Brien, Ronald Chapman and Paul Fox.