



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



## Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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## Sound of Silence

The Sunday Gospel this weekend opens as “Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray” (Mt 14:22-23). These verses suggest the importance of personal space and time in the life of Christ’s disciples. The disciples who were busy, are guided by Jesus to spend some time by themselves. This was something necessary for them to refresh their minds and reflect upon their life journey. Time out from our business of life is helpful to enable us to think about our life and spiritual journey. This reflection, in a context of silence, will help us to experience God’s presence. Encountering silence is a pathway to encounter God’s presence in us. As the first reading of this Sunday says, “there followed a great wind, an earthquake, and a fire, but God was in none of them.” Then there came “a sound of sheer silence, in which Elijah perceived God.” (1Kgs19:11-13). It was in silence that Elijah experienced God’s presence. Pope Francis encourages us to enjoy silence in life especially as part of preparing for Holy Mass. The Pope says, “I ask that we never regard prayerful silence as a form of escape and rejection of the world around us.” The time before Mass is not “for small talk,” he said in a Wednesday general audience, but “for recollection within the heart, to prepare ourselves for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important!”

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother. On this feast day, we honour Mary with a grateful heart for her beautiful life which collaborated with salvation. The feast affirms that Mary’s earthly life was completed; she was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory, where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven (CCC 966). St. Francis said, “We are the mother of Christ when we carry him in our heart... and we give birth to him through our holy works which ought to shine on others by our example.” Wishing you a very joyful feast of the Assumption; **Fr. Saju**

### MASS AND INTENTIONS 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)

SATURDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6.00pm	Liisa & Tony Roulinson RIP
SUNDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> For the People of the Parish
	10.00am	Matthew Mailey RIP (Stephen & Suzy Wood)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For Lost Souls in Purgatory (Liam Collins)
MONDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am	Marie May RIP (Terence May)
<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>		
TUESDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Wellbeing of Colin & Jan O’Hara (Colin O’Hara)
	12noon	<b>St Justus:</b> Intentions Father Steven
	8.00pm	<b>Corpus Christi:</b> Welfare of Peter Brown (David Burford) <b>Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)</b>
WEDNESDAY 16 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Priest will celebrate Mass privately for Father Saju’s Intentions</i>
THURSDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am	Peter O’Hara RIP (Colin O’Hara) Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am	Stephen Cole RIP (Deborah Cole)
SATURDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10.00am	For friends going through difficult times (Catherine Collins)
	6.00pm	Denis O’Hara RIP (Colin O’Hara)
<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY OT (A)</b>		
SUNDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Rena & Bert Radecke RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Lauren O’Hara RIP (Stephen & Suzy Wood)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**YOUTH Club:** Years 7 – 11. Contact:

[tonbridgeyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> September 11.15am in the Fisher Hall.

**This Week in the Parish:**

**MORNING PRAYER:** Monday at 9.40 am Corpus Christi

**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 : StJustus after Tuesday morning Mass.**

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**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 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](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. **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!

**GIFT AID BOXES & Envelopes for Standing Order payers** There are still some that have not been collected from the Narthex, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thank you

**PARISH FINANCE:** June, the parish had ordinary income of £18,583 and expenditure of £13,758. Second collections £384 for the Day for Life and Peter's Pence. 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](mailto:tonbridgegac@rcaos.org.uk) 01892527270

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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**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL.** Thank you for your kind donations. Non-perishable items are still needed. 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.

**LAY CHAPLAIN - ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL** The school is looking for a driven and enthusiastic practising Catholic to join our flagship Chaplaincy Team as a Lay Chaplain with effect from September 2023. We are seeking a practising Catholic with a strong personal faith and the capacity to serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of staff and students in our school. The Lay Chaplain will provide witness to the Gospel by sharing in the joys, hopes and the sorrows of members of our school community and will always remind our school community of its Christian purpose. The Lay Chaplain will be expected to support the faith life of our Catholic students, to develop, encourage and strengthen the faith of all members of the school community.

If you are interested in applying please contact [hr@sgschool.org.uk](mailto:hr@sgschool.org.uk) or [jburton@kcsp-swc.org.uk](mailto:jburton@kcsp-swc.org.uk)

Closing date for applications: 31 August 2023 at 12pm

Start Date: September 2023

**NB The parish office will be closed Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August. No emails will be accessed until the Thursday.**

**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, may they rest in peace. Amen. Also, for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Irene Ricketts, Angela Swann, Colin Kelleher, Elsie Huggett, Margaret Page, Marta Hennon, Iris Pilcher and Patrick Feehily.