



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



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World Youth Day Experience

Eleanor who attended this year's World Youth Day (WYD) from our parish shares her experience here. I thank her for taking great effort to attend WYD and for her generosity in sharing the experience with us. This will I am sure help us, especially young people to reflect on their space and role in the church. Fr. Saju

WYD is a week-long international gathering of young adult Catholics that takes place every few years. This year it was in Lisbon, Portugal. I went with a group of around 40 pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Southwark, and it was an incredible experience!

WYD involved several services attended by thousands. For the biggest one, led by Pope Francis, one and a half million Catholics gathered in a huge park for Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday evening, then slept out under the stars and had Mass together on Sunday morning. We also attended catechesis, learned about different vocations, attended Mass celebrated by Archbishop John (who travelled with us), and visited the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. I met many pilgrims from other countries too. Lisbon had an exciting atmosphere, full of Christian joy, and faith of my fellow pilgrims was really inspiring too. Each year World Youth Day has a theme, and this year's was 'Mary arose and went with haste' (Luke 1:39). We felt encouraged to 'rise up' to follow God's will for our lives, despite the challenges involved. Most importantly, this pilgrimage showed me that young people really do care about faith. As Pope Francis told us, 'in the Church, there is room for everyone.'

I'm enormously grateful for all your prayers for World Youth Day and kind responses to my talk. Do check out the photos of the pilgrimage on the parish and Archdiocese Facebook pages! I pray that others in this parish get involved in World Youth Days in the future, perhaps joining the Archdiocese pilgrim group or volunteering at WYD. The next one is in Seoul, South Korea in 2027! Eleanor.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 19th August 2023

TYWENTIETH SUNDAY OT (A)

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| SATURDAY 19 th Aug | 12 noon 6.00pm | Baptism Denis O'Hara RIP (Colin O'Hara) |
| SUNDAY 20 th Aug | 8.30am | St Justus: Rena & Bert Radecke RIP (Barry Weston) |
| | 10.00am | Laureen O'Hara RIP (Stephen & Suzy Wood) |
| | 12noon | St. Peter: For the People of the Parish |
| MONDAY 21 st Aug | 10.00am | Welfare of Ely D'Souza (Jackie Almeida) |
| TUESDAY 22 nd Aug | 10.00am | St Justus: Intentions Father Steven Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm) |
| WEDNESDAY 23 rd | | <i>Priest will celebrate Mass privately for Florence O'Grady</i> |
| SAINT BARTHOLOMEW- APOSTLE | | |
| THURSDAY 24 th Aug | 10.00am | God's Blessings on Barry & Pat Mundy (Barry & Pat) Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm |
| Friday 25 th Aug | 10.00am | In thanksgiving (Jacqui Nunes) |
| SATURDAY 26 th Aug | 10.00am | Noelle March RIP (Tina Kirk) |
| | 6.00pm | For the People of the Parish |
| TWENTIETH SUNDAY OT (A) | | |
| SUNDAY 27 th Aug | 8.30am | St Justus: Hilda Bache RIP (Jan Harman) |
| | 10.00am | Father Peter Murphy Intentions (Tina Kirk) |
| | 12noon | St Peter: Judith & David Bogie RIP |

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ANNUAL DISCLOSURE 2022 Peter's Pence

Peter's Pence is the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their shared concern with the Successor of Peter in addressing the necessities of the Universal Church and to help those most in need. In 2022 Peter's Pence income amounted to \$ 116.8 million, while the expenses borne by the Fund totalled \$ 104.3 million. Thank you.

A SEMINAR ON PROMOTING RACIAL AND CULTURAL INTEGRATION: Date: 28 October 2023; Place: AMIGO HALL, ST GEORGES CATHEDRAL: Time: 9.30am to 4.00pm

This seminar will feature a range of speakers that include Most Reverend John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark; Fr Richard Nesbitt, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, White City; Susan Elderfield, Lead for Youth Ministry, St Mary's University, Twickenham; Nana Churcher, author of "The Power of Your Words"; and Andrea Fernandes, Co-Chair of the Racial and Cultural Inclusion Group, St Margaret of Scotland Parish, Carshalton. Email to register:

racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

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. 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- No meetings in August & September.

Confession: Sat 10.30am -11.15am & 5pm-5.45 pm at CC : St Justus after Tuesday morning Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Day for Catechists – 30 September 2023 - This year's day for catechists will be held at the Cathedral and Amigo Hall with a keynote on God's Word from Fr John Hemer MHM; (bring your own lunch). The day will start with arrivals at 10.00 am (keynote at 11.00 am) and will conclude with Mass, with Canon Gerald Bradley, at 4.00 pm.

BAPTISM Please do not arrange Baptism unless the parents have registered with the parish office and attended the parish Parents Baptism Preparation session. You will need to speak to Fr. Saju before the registration. The next one is Saturday 2nd September 11.15am in the Fisher Hall. **Congratulations** to Micah Iloanugo who was baptized this weekend and to his family and Godparents.

PARISH FINANCE: £1496.90 was the Red box collection for 2022.

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. **Account:**

RCAS Tonbridge

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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.

LADY CHAPEL-CORPUS CHRISTI UPDATE

Work will begin in September to repair the outside wall of the Lady Chapel, the drainpipe on that wall and the internal repairs to the two arches. The outside wall is inundated with water and will require a period of some months to allow it to dry out before any work can be done on the internal structure. We are currently discussing what possible form those improvements will take and further updates will be published as and when.

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. If you are interested in applying please contact hr@sgschool.org.uk or jburton@kcsp-swc.org.uk Closing date for applications: 31 August 2023 at 12pm Start Date: September 2023

THE ANNUAL RIDE & STRIDE for churches is on Saturday 9th September 10.00am – 6.00pm.

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

PAMIS is the new national Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) database that CSSA (Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency) have determined that all Diocese must adopt.

The next date for a **Commissioning Day** for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be 7 October 2023 at St George's Cathedral.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Danny Henry, Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Jim Ford Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, MaryGirdlestone, John Seeley, Brian Wilkins, Nigel Green, Carol Mappley and Alan Jarek. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, Tobias O'Brien, Lisa Guttman Kenney, Bernard Wells, Kelvin Marsh, Judith Bogie, Baby Thomas O'Shea, Mary Gordon and Stasha Koscuik, may they rest in peace. Amen.