



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Church – Home of forgiveness

The Scripture readings for this Sunday share the message that the authority comes from God and the exercise of authority is an expression of faithfulness to God. Isaiah through the first reading (Isa 22:19-23) tells us how God removed the proud 'master of the royal palace' from his office, taking from Shebna the power and responsibility of which he had proven unworthy, and gave both to the humble and faithful Eliakim. In today's Gospel we read how Jesus entrusted the Church to Peter and the Apostles. This took place at Caesarea Philippi, (presently called Banias), twenty-five miles northeast of the Sea of Galilee (Mtt 16:13-20). Jesus asked a question in two parts about his identity; 'who do people say I am'? When the people identified Jesus with Elijah and with Jeremiah, they were paying him a great compliment and setting him in a high place, for Jeremiah and Elijah were the expected forerunners of the Anointed One of God. In the second part of the question to the Apostles, 'who do you say I am', Peter responded, 'you are the Christ, the Son of the living God'. Peter was the first apostle to recognize Jesus publicly as the Anointed One, thereby Peter became the first disciple to receive a personal blessing. "Blessed are you, Simon son of John!". Moreover Peter is called the rock on which the church is built and he is entrusted with the keys of the kingdom of heaven with the authority to bind and loose on earth. The Keys to the Kingdom are the words of forgiveness granted by God in the Church to bind and loose on earth which has validity in heaven. The Church is founded on forgiveness, the Church is the home of forgiveness.

Fr Saju

MASS AND INTENTIONS 27th August 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OT (A)

SATURDAY 26 th Aug	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish
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
MONDAY 28 th Aug	10.00am	God's blessings on Martina Wilkins (Tina Kirk)
TUESDAY 29 th Aug	10.00am	St Justus: Paul Donovan RIP (Eileen Jennings) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 30 th		<i>Priest will celebrate Mass privately</i>
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW- APOSTLE		
THURSDAY 31 st Aug	10.00am	Tricia & Richard Ames Intentions (Tina Kirk) Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm
Friday 1 st Sept	10.00am	Welfare of Gilly Bone (Margaret Pavlidis)
SATURDAY 2 nd Sept	10.00am	Welfare of Simon Presnell (Liam Collins)
	6.00pm	Deceased relatives (Colin O'Hara)
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OT (A)		
SUNDAY 3 rd Sept	8.30am	St Justus: John & Maureen Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Ewa Majewska RIP (Lech, Edyta & David)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MORNING PRAYER:

Monday at 9.40 am
Corpus Christi

ADORATION

Thursdays after
10.00am mass until
10pm

ROSARY: 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;
St Justus after
Tuesday morning
mass.

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: 01732 353984 during office hours (not evenings or weekends) or by email tonbridge@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.

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.

COMMISSIONING DAY for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be 7 October 2023 at St George’s Cathedral.

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

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

CC SOCIAL GROUP: Just a reminder there will no meeting in August. Our next meeting will be the last Tuesday in September (26th September) Details to follow.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 11th September at 7.30pm in the Fisher Hall.

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.

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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

MASS INTENTIONS: We are short of weekday Mass Intentions for September for Corpus Christi and St Justus Your offerings for a Mass are a vital source of income to the priest celebrating the Mass. There are Mass request envelopes available which can be put in the collection or put through the presbytery door, and requested via the parish office by phone and by email.

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.

THE ANNUAL RIDE & STRIDE for churches is on Saturday 9th September 10.00am – 6.00pm. There are some sponsorship forms at the back in Corpus Christi. We need volunteers to sign up to man the church on the day. Also, for people to participate and get sponsored! Sign up volunteer sheet and sponsor forms are at the back of the church. Half the sponsorship money raised comes to the parish.

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

NB The parish office will be closed Tuesday 29th August – emails will not be answered until 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 Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, John Seeley, Brian Wilkins, Nigel Green, Carol Mapple, Alan Jarek and John & Mary McNulty.

HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Rosemary Gallagher, Brian Ward & Margaret Powell and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Vincent Gowin, Elsie Munden, Alice Powell, Lilian Gassler, Isabella McEwan, Mimi Gower, Edward Powney and Hilda Bache, may they rest in peace. Amen.