



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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The Gift of the Lord

The theme for our prayerful reflection this weekend is forgiveness. Through the parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus teaches us to forgive others. God revealed himself in Jesus and revealed His closeness to us and desire to forgive us. Jesus is our model in forgiveness. In the Gospel account for this Sunday we read that a servant whose own debt of ten thousand talents was cancelled by his master, was unable to forgive his fellow servant for the hundred *denarii* owed to him. This is an indication that there is something fundamentally wrong in his approach though he had received forgiveness from his master. His failing is a radical absence of forgiveness' or refusal to forgive. Anyone who refuses to forgive will lock himself into a torturous circle, thereby keeping away from the very experience of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is that remarkable reality of God's incredible mercy for us shared through Jesus, and in rendering forgiveness, our hearts are moved in God's love. Forgiving does mean letting go of resentments, bitterness, hatefulness, desires for revenge, and the need to lash out at someone for what he or she did or did not do. Forgiveness implies learning to love those who have harmed us and understanding the struggles that may have contributed to their harmful behaviour. Forgiving can even mean being happy for the health and welfare of those who have hurt us and praying for their continued wellbeing. Ultimately, forgiveness is freeing oneself with God's love and any crushing weight is removed when we share this gift from God. It is important to understand that forgiveness does not obligate us to put ourselves or others at unreasonable risk or to set the sinner up for another fall, but it is a call to share the gift of forgiveness that the Lord offers us in everyday life. Fr. Saju

MASS AND INTENTIONS 16th September 2023

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OT (A)

SATURDAY 16 th Sept	6.00pm	Doris Almeida RIP (Almeida family)
SUNDAY 17 th Sept	8.30am	St Justus: Mary Barns RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St. Peter: Welfare of Maria Neves & for her family
MONDAY 18 th Sept	10.00am	Margaret Powell RIP (Margaret Brownhill)
TUESDAY 19 th Sept	10.00am	St Justus: Maria Sinonato RIP (Eileen Jennings) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
WEDNESDAY 20 th		<i>Priest will celebrate Mass privately for Rodolfo Mafa RIP (Jean Plews)</i>
SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST		
THURSDAY 21 st Sept	10.00am	Paul Wilmott RIP (Margaret Pavlidis) Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm
Friday 22 nd Sept	10.00am	Mike Ryan RIP (Anne Donoghue)
	12noon	Requiem Mass Lesley Agombar
SATURDAY 23 rd Sept	10.00am	Brian Ward RIP (Tina Kirk)
	6.00pm	Deceased friends (Colin O'Hara)
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OT (A)		
SUNDAY 24 th Sept	8.30am	St Justus: Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Theresa Coutinho RIP (Coutinho family)
	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.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Corpus Christi: 6.30 pm -
7.00 pm.

SECOND COLLECTION for
Catholic Agency for
Support of
Evangelization

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 on Saturday 30th September at 11.30am in St Peter, Hadlow. 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 25th November 4.30pm in the Fisher Hall.

Confession: Sat 5pm-5.45 pm at CC; **St Justus**-after Tuesday morning mass.

Sunday 10.00 Mass Communion hymn refrain: *As we gather at your table, earth and heaven now embrace, Souls united as one body, become your dwelling place.*

CONFIRMATION 2024: Application forms are available at the back of the church and online on the parish website. If you would like to be Confirmed in 2024 please fill in the form and return it to the presbytery marked 'Confirmation' and bring it along on either Monday 2nd October or Monday 9th October to enroll your child. More details are given on the form. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/24 Application forms for this year's First Holy Communion Course are available online or at the back of the church. Please fill in the form and bring it along on either Monday 2nd October or Monday 9th October to enroll your child. More details are given on the form. Thank you.

RCIA: Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or would like to explore your faith, then please come along to our RCIA sessions which will begin on 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. Meetings start again in October.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION starting on 7th October at 9.30am with Rosary, Mass and Confessions. This Devotion focuses to make Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Holy Face Devotion will be after Mass as usual at 10.30am.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING on Saturday 30th September in the Fisher Hall at 1pm – 3pm for those currently serving at St Peter's, St Justus and Corpus Christi Saturday 6.00pm Mass, 2-4.00pm for those serving at Sunday 10.00am at Corpus Christi. If you have received your First Holy Communion this year and would like to become an altar server at either Corpus Christi, St Peter's or St Justus please come along at the above times relevant to where you would like to serve. Please call Alice Ford to let her know if you are going to attend 07871109333.

MICHAELMAS DAY ARCHANGELS MASS Friday 29 September at 12 noon at Saint Michael's (old) church, East Peckham TtN12 5NG. Further inquiries text message to 0755 437 8228.

PARISH FINANCE: 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

Sort Code: 60-21-28; Account No: 71367780

Parish Finance chair: Ken Marsh

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Gift -aid: Tony Mahoney

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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 is Home Mission Sunday and there is a second collection. This collection provides the bishops of England & Wales the resources to support the spread of the gospel in our own country and enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

NEXT WEEKEND is the First National Mass Count and will continue for the following three weekends. Collectors please count congregation and enter on the forms provided and return them each week to the parish office. Thank-you.

STAY&PLAY - For all families with young children. Coffee, chat, play. Wednesdays 10-11.30am Fisher Hall. £2 per family. (Term time only).

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

SEASON OF CREATION-The Season of Creation has begun and will run to the 4 October (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi) this year.

HADLOW VILLAGE SCARECROW TRAIL, 23-24 September. Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 12noon-4pm, starting at St Mary's Church. Pick up a trail sheet and vote for your favourite scarecrow. Fun for all the family, refreshments available. Don't forget to visit St Peter's to see our Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat office, clearly marked for St Justus. Thank you.

ST JUSTUS are celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 8th October. The gifts they request are toiletries: Shampoo, toothpaste, shower gel, hair brushes, combs, deodorant, handwash soap and flannels. If you would like to donate please leave your items in the narthex at St Justus or parish

Caritas: The forthcoming Justice and Peace conference taking place on the 23rd September in Beckenham (details in the Notice Board)

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 Mappley, Alan Jarek and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Lesley Agombar and for those whose anniversaries fall at this this time Pauline Chandler, Henry Tucker, Addolorata Jones, John Small, Cyril Hall, Marion Peters, Adelaide Evans and Karla Small, may they rest in peace. Amen.