



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



## Corpus Christi

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## St. Justus

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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## Welcome Back

A warm welcome home to all who have been away; I am sure that you got time to relax and refresh during your holiday. The month of September means that the schools reopen and I wish all the students, God's blessing and a fruitful time in the new academic year. This month the parish has the opportunity to resume catechesis and formation in view of celebrating the Sacraments in the Parish. I request that you look for these details in the newsletter/parish website. You will find below the write up from our Parish SVP requesting our continued support. *Fr. Saju*

**St Vincent de Paul Awareness Month:** As September is St. Vincent de Paul awareness month, we would like to give a brief background of the beginnings of the Society. Inspired by the works of St Vincent de Paul, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, at the age of 20 in 1833, together with a group of students set up a charity '*not of discussion but for action*'. It was Father Peter Murphy, who initiated the formation of the Corpus Christi Branch in June 2016. Its purpose is to reach out to the lonely, homebound and people who may need material or spiritual assistance of any kind. Our members help in transporting parishioners to weekday and/or Sunday mass. Members also take Holy Communion to homebound as well as visit lonely Parishioners.

In 2019, as a project for Advent, we asked Parishioners to donate non perishable goods to be distributed to the needy through the food bank at Paddock Wood. The Parish has been very generous and we are continuing the outreach by collecting and donating regular amounts of non-perishable food and baby items to St Margaret Clitherow Primary school where a great need has been highlighted especially due to the present economic crises. We would like to thank parishioners for their ongoing generous donations. We would also like to take this opportunity to ask anyone, who would be interested, to join us in continuing this valuable work in our Parish (Trevor, SVP).

MASS AND INTENTIONS 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023			THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OT (A)			
SATURDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	6.00pm	Deceased relatives (Colin O'Hara)	<b>MORNING PRAYER:</b> Monday at 9.40 am Corpus Christi
SUNDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> John & Maureen Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	Ewa Majewska RIP (Lech, Edyta & David)	
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish	
MONDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Welfare of Simon Presnell (Suzanne McGoldrick)	<b>ADORATION</b> Thursdays after 10.00am mass until 10pm
TUESDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Eileen & Keith Hutton RIP <b>Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)</b>	
WEDNESDAY 6 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Priest will celebrate Mass privately for Mike Ryan RIP (Anne Donoghue)</i>	<b>ROSARY:</b> 9.30 am on Fri & Sat at Corpus Christi
THURSDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Welfare of Andrew Swarbrick (Dave Swarbrick) Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm	
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			<b>HOLY FACE DEVOTION-</b> Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi. First Tuesday of the month after mass at St Justus.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Johanna O'Keefe RIP	
SATURDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am 6.00pm	Holy Souls <b>NO MORNING CONFESSION</b> Pat Sheehan RIP (Tara Ricketts)	<b>CONFESSION:</b> Sat 10.30am -11.00am & 5pm-5.45 pm at CC; St Justus after Tuesday morning mass.
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OT (A)			
SUNDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	Blanche Mascarenhas RIP (Christina Carr)	
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> For the People of the parish	

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](mailto: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](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

**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](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk)

**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.

**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: RCASTonbridge**

**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**

**NEXT WEEKEND** There is a second collection for the Catholic Education Service which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic Education and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tuesday 5th September 8.00pm in the Church. New members very welcome!

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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> October or Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October to enroll your child. More details are given on the form. Thank you.

**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.

**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

**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 and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Maria Argento, Winifred Munroe, Alice Powell, Liliias Barman, Syl Jones, Sergio Piscina, Johanna O'Keefe, Liisa Roulinson, Francis Cazalet, and Susan Rossiter, may they rest in peace. Amen.