



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Justice and Mercy

The Parable of the vineyard-workers (Matthew 20:1-16) for this weekend illustrates the theme of justice and mercy. The men who had worked all day received a day's wages, one *denarius* which is their due and this is justice. But they believed that the men who had worked less hours than they had, who came in the third hour, would receive less, particularly those who had worked only one hour. But those who worked one hour also received the same amount. Those who arrived first became envious and complained, 'you have treated them the same as us.' In our terms justice is about merit, but generosity is about need. God shows justice to our need. St Thérèse of Lisieux has rightly said, "God's justice is his mercy." We are called to share God's justice in our life day today life. Fr. Saju

Lifeboat: We are very pleased to announce the launch of the new bereavement support group for the parish. The new group will be known as The Lifeboat. In order to have this group at a time when more people can access it, it will now be held not on Tuesdays but on Saturdays from 11.30-1, on the last Saturday of each month. It will be at St Peter's, Hadlow, where there is plenty of parking, and a comfortable room. Teas and coffees will be served. The first session is on 30th September, when we will give details of what is on offer at these sessions. If you have been bereaved and would like to come and find friendship and support, you would be very welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing those who came along last year, as well as new faces. All are welcome. The group is run by parishioners Isabelle and Sheila, who both have experience of working in this field. We will be speaking at all Sunday Masses this weekend and will be available after Mass if you wish to ask us more. ([Parish Bereavement Support Group](#))

MASS AND INTENTIONS 23rd September 2023			<p>THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH</p> <p>MORNING PRAYER Corpus Christi Mon at 9.40 am</p> <p>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION At Corpus Christi Tue 6.30 pm -7.00 pm.</p> <p>ADORATION At Corpus Christi Thursdays after 10.30am -1 10pm</p> <p>ROSARY At Corpus Christi 9.30 am on Fri & Sat</p> <p>HOLY FACE DEVOTION Corpus Christi Sat at 10.30am at & First Tue of the month after mass at St Justus.</p>
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OT (A)			
SATURDAY 23 rd Sept	6.00pm	Deceased friends (Colin O'Hara)	
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	
MONDAY 25 th Sept	10.00am	Welfare of Bob King (Maura Branch)	
TUESDAY 26 th Sept	10.00am	St Justus: Gorman Family Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)	
WEDNESDAY 27 th		<i>Priest will celebrate Mass privately for Father Francis Bird</i>	
THURSDAY 28 th Sept	10.00am	Simon Presnell RIP (Suzanne McGoldrick) Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm	
SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS			
Friday 29 th Sept	10.00am	God's Blessings on Martina & Brian Wilkins (Margaret Wood)	
SATURDAY 30 th Sept	10.00am	Father Peter Murphy (Tina Kirk)	
	6.00pm	Emmanuel di Bona RIP (Maria di Bona)	
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OT (A)			
SUNDAY 1 st Oct	8.30am	St Justus: John snr, Molly & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)	
	10.00am	Brian Wilkins Intentions	
	12noon	St Peter: 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

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)

Next meeting 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.

CONFIRMATION2024:Application forms are available at the back of the church. If you would like to be Confirmed in 2024 please fill in the form and return it to the presbytery marked 'Confirmation'. All application forms need to be in by 17th October. Email: tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

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 enrol your child. More details are given on the form. Thank you.

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 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.

[Christmas Bazaar 2023](#)

A call for volunteers willing to help relaunch the Corpus Christi Christmas Bazaar, planned for 12-3pm on Sat 25 November. Help us to make the Bazaar an enjoyable occasion with stalls, food and fun activities for the children.If you are able to help in any way please share your details with the Parish Office, or speak to one of us after Mass and we will be in touch soon. Isobel, Alice and Emma (07977 500673)

Thought for the weekend- "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." **Pope Francis**

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, SVP donations 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 useBank 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:RCASonbridge**

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

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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',Manythanks. Ken

PARISH NOTICES-

THIS 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.

NEXT WEEKEND CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is Friday 6th October. Paul Whittle will be talking to us about the work of CAFOD after Mass at St Peter's and St Justus.

CC SOCIAL GROUP - Our next meeting is on Tuesday (26th September). Normal tea / coffee, Cake & biscuits, from 10am. This month's we have a presentation on the Lasting Power of Attorney. If you don't have one in place, this is a must attend meeting.

2023 MALAWI CONTAINER - The container has completed its sea voyage & is docked in the port of Nacala in Mozambique. It will travel by train into Malawi, then will be transported by lorry to Blantyre, for customs clearance, so hopefully it will unload very soon.

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.

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.

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 Bryan Winter, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this this time , Stella Berska, Winifred Clinton, Darren Gilday, Jeanne Stripp, Tadeusz Monczynski, Mary Bibby and Margaret Russell, may they rest in peace. Amen.