



# 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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## Meaning of listening

On the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the liturgical year, the Scripture readings invite us to focus on the word 'listen'. Prophet Ezekiel in the first reading says that those who listen to God and then turn away from their wickedness by doing what is lawful and right, they will be saved. Further, the prophet reminds the people of Israel that their failure to do God's will, caused suffering, slavery and subsequent deportation to Egypt, Persia, and Babylon. The parable of the two sons in this weekend's Gospel, helps us to distinguish the attitude of the Pharisees and the Scribes from those of the prostitutes and tax collectors. Looking at the two sons, one will find that both failed their father in one way or the other. The first son represents all who were not following the way of Christ; Matthew the tax collector or the woman caught in adultery were living a life not listening to God's will. However they responded to the invitation of Jesus to conversion and then communion with the Lord. The second son represents the Pharisees and the Scribes. These Jewish leaders and their ancestors had a long tradition of following God's law to the letter. However they refused to accept John the Baptist's 'pattern of true righteousness' of doing God's will and to listen to the teachings of Jesus which disturbed their way of life. The second son may represent some of us who during the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Matrimony, boldly before God and humanity as witnesses, responded "I will" to every question posed to us, but do not fulfil them. The parable reminds us of how people can change their minds, or their way of life, for good or for evil. Let our prayer with the Psalmist be, "show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me". Fr. Saju

### MASS AND INTENTIONS 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OT (A)

SATURDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm	Emmanuel di Bona RIP (Maria di Bona)
SUNDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> John snr, Molly & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)
	10.00am	Brian Wilkins Intentions (Anna & Kevin)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	10.00am	Winnie Brans RIP (Suzanne McGoldrick)
TUESDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Reg & Eileen Edwards RIP Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)
		<i>Priest will celebrate Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am	God's blessings on Nigel & Sara March (Tina Kirk) Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am	Lucy George RIP (Lisi George)
	12noon	Requiem Mass for Margaret Powell
SATURDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.00am	God's blessings on our parish pilgrimage (Tina Kirk)
	6.00pm	For Grandparents (Colin O'Hara)
<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OT (A)</b>		
SUNDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Elsie Covel RIP (David Covel)
	10.00am	Margaret Powell RIP (Tonbridge SVP members)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish

#### This Week in the Parish

#### Morning Prayer-

Corpus Christi  
Mon at 9.40 am

#### Christian Meditation

At Corpus Christi  
Tue 6.30 pm -7.00 pm.

#### Adoration

At Corpus Christi

THURSDAYS AFTER

10.30AM -L 10PM

#### Rosary

At Corpus Christi  
9.30 am on Fri & Sat

#### Holy Face Devotion

At Corpus Christi  
Sat at 10.30am at & First  
Tue of the month after  
mass at St Justus.

**Cherubs** – at 10 am  
Mass on Sunday

**'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)** Next meeting Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> October. Email: [tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

**ST JUSTUS** are celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 8th October. The gifts they request are toiletries, coffee (small jars), tea (small packets) fruit squash/juice, Long Life milk, biscuits sweet or savoury and cereals. If you would like to donate please leave your items in the narthex at St Justus.

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**WE WELCOME Bishop Emeritus Right Reverend Patrick Lynch who will be celebrating the Sunday 10.00am Mass.**

**PARISH FINANCE:** Thank you for all your contribution and support. Signing up to Gift Aid is simple and fast through QR code at the back our churches, for those eligible. 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 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**

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

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

**NEXT WEEKEND** There is a second collection for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Please put your Harvest Fast Day envelopes in this collection. To gift aid your donation to CAFOD, use their envelope or donate directly on their website. Paul Whittle will be talking to us about the work of CAFOD after Mass at Corpus Christi.

**SIGNING UP TO GIFT AID** to support our parish has become easier: scan the QR code on the gift aid poster at the back of the church, complete and sign the form electronically. If you are eligible, this is a great way to support the parish without it costing you a penny more.

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

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL.** We are very grateful for your kind donations to date. We have had a special request from St Margaret's regarding baby food and baby items. They are requesting donations of: +8 months baby food pouches level 1 and 2 Aptimel milk powder, baby wipes. Any non perishable food is also very welcome. 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 or by 'DONA'.

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**PARISH PILGRIMAGE MEETING** on Saturday 7th October 11.30am in the Fisher Hall for those going on the pilgrimage.

**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 Mildred Bryant, Olive Grigson, Mary Bayliss, Iris Lorrington, Frances Eason and Martin Keane, may they rest in peace. Amen.