



# 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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## Call to Reconciliation

We live in a society where we have a duty of care for one another or to live with responsibility for the welfare of others around us. This message is evident in the Scripture readings this weekend. As Christians we are not individuals but members of the Body of Christ, the Church, therefore we have all the more obligation to help those who ignore Gospel values in their lives and then to invite them to experience Christ's love. The Gospel for this Sunday presents to us matters pertaining to the relationship between the members of the Church. Jesus stipulates a process for a community member who sins against another person to achieve fraternal correction to grow in love and joy. In other words, the faith community who gather to celebrate the Word and the Sacraments are called not only to assist their neighbours in their temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also to focus towards reconciliation with generosity. Since our common ground through Baptism is faith in Christ and our gathering space is around the Altar from where we receive spiritual nourishment; therefore it is important that Christians are able to forgive and forget all the hurt and injuries of life to uphold the uniqueness of a parish community. Wherever Christians meet together in truth and love, whether it is for prayer, study, or decision-making, Jesus is present and Jesus speaks and acts. This is both a tremendous gift and also a huge responsibility. A community is Christian in the measure in which all know and want themselves to be responsible for the good of each member. The zeal to share our Christ experience with a brother/sister must be at the heart of the parish community, in order to build us up as a missionary parish. Fr. Saju

MASS AND INTENTIONS 9th September 2023			THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
TWENTYTHIRDSUNDAY OT (A)			
SATURDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm	Pat Sheehan RIP (Tara Ricketts) <b>NO MORNING CONFESSION</b>	<b>MORNING PRAYER:</b> Monday at 9.40 am Corpus Christi
SUNDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	Blanche Mascarenhas RIP (Christina Carr) <b>Baptism:</b> Sophia Ingle	
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish	
MONDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Ian Campbell RIP (Frances Hirst)	<b>ADORATION</b> Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm
TUESDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Marie O'Farrell RIP (Eileen Jennings) Corpus Christi: Christian Meditation (6.30 pm -7.00 pm)	<b>ROSARY:</b> 9.30 am on Fri & Sat at Corpus Christi
WEDNESDAY 13 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Priest will celebrate Mass privately for Michael Hayes RIP</i>	<b>HOLY FACE DEVOTION-</b> Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi & First Tuesday of the month after mass at St Justus.
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS			
THURSDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	For all our parishioners who are sick Adoration 10.30am-10.00pm	<b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:</b> Corpus Christi: 6.30 pm -7.00 pm. <b>Second collection</b> for Catholic Edu Service
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Welfare of Eva Krysik (Liam Collins)	
SATURDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Margaret Powell RIP (Tina Kirk)	
	6.00pm	Doris Almeida RIP (Almeida family)	
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OT (A)			
SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Mary Barns RIP (Vivienne Bowman)	
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Welfare of Maria Neves & for her family	

**+ THE REQUIEM MASS FOR MARGARET POWELL IS HERE AT CORPUS CHRISTI ON FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER AT 12noon**

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 on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 4.30pm in the Fisher Hall.

**Congratulations** to Sophia Backhurst-Ingle who was baptized this weekend and to her family and Godparents.

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

#### **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 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 [tonbridgercia@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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.

**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.

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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** There is a **second collection** for the Catholic Education Service which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education.

**NEXT 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.

**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.

**ST. PAUL- A MAN TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST.** Introduction to life, mission and theology of the apostle Paul. 30 minute talk by Fr Mark Higgins, followed by opportunity for questions. Wednesday 20th September 6pm at St Dunstan's in the lower hall.

**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.** 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, using the card machines at Corpus Christi or via bank transfer with 'SVP' in the description. Gift aid can only be applied if donating via SVP's website, where you could select the Tonbridge branch.

**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

**MASS INTENTIONS** Thank you to those who have requested Mass Intentions. We are still in need for weekdays at Corpus Christi & Tuesdays at St Justus, some weekends at Corpus Christi and St Peter's are available.

**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 Mary Twohig, Audrey O'Donnell, Doreen Rissen, Trevor Clayton, Vera Weston, Danny Brogan, Patrick Keegan and Betty O'Loughlin, may they rest in peace. Amen.