



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



## Corpus Christi

41 Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge  
TN9 1EY

## St. Justus

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## St. Peter

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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## Follow me...:

The Readings for the weekend invites our reflection on our promptness in responding to God’s calling. We have received God’s calling to follow Jesus Christ. This Saturday, the families who celebrated baptism in 2023 gathered to celebrate their promises to be the first and best teachers of faith to their children which they accepted at the baptism of their child. It reminded them that Baptism which incorporates us to the body of Christ, the Church, is God’s calling to follow Christ. This is further affirmed this weekend when the *confirmandi* for this year will celebrate the Rite of Enrolment at the vigil Mass, expressing their promptness in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. These are graceful moments for the parish to accompany our young people in their explicit responses to follow Christ. Jesus in today’s Gospel passage invites a few individuals to follow him. Jesus takes the initiative and this is the action of grace in our life; and it does not depend on anything we do, but God’s gift to us. Secondly Jesus chooses individuals from among the ordinary people. In this case they were fishermen, an occupation which involved hard work and a certain amount of knowledge and skill. The explicit invitation of Jesus is to share in the life and works of Jesus by leaving our former way of life immediately and without hesitation as we read today, ‘at once they left their nets and followed him.’ We are called as we are in our given situation and we should follow him with promptness. Fr. Saju

MASS AND INTENTIONS 21st January 2024			<p><b>THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH</b></p> <p><b>MORNING PRAYER</b> Monday at 9.40 am Corpus Christi</p> <p><b>ADORATION</b> Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm</p> <p><b>ROSARY</b> 9.30 am on Thurs, Fri &amp; Sat at Corpus Christi</p> <p><b>HOLY FACE DEVOTION</b> Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi &amp; First Tuesday of the month after mass at St Justus.</p> <p><b>FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION AT 9.30AM</b></p> <p><b>CHRISTIAN MEDITATION</b> Corpus Christi: 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm.</p>
THIRD SUNDAY OT (B)			
SATURDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	6.00pm	Vilma Hefler RIP (Eva Trippett)	
SUNDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> For the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Tony & Maria Chainey RIP (David Burford)	
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> Lucy Cziraki RIP (John & Jean Smallcombe))	
MONDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP (Mahoney family)	
TUESDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Don Covell RIP (Davis Covell)	
WED 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>	
THURSDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am	Joan & Pierce Lawlor RIP (Lawlor family)	
FRIDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am	Brian Ward RIP (Pat Ward & family)	
	12 noon	Funeral Service for Patricia Fordyce	
SATURDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am	Deceased family & friends (Catherine Collins)	
	6.00pm	For the People of the Parish	
FOURTH SUNDAY OT (B)			
SUNDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Molly & Jack Murray RIP (Jane Hetherton & Teresa Feely)	
	10.00am	Deceased family & friends (Catherine Collins)	
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Deceased relatives & friends of the Pead & Smallcombe families	

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: Please contact the parish office during office hours 01732 353984 or by email. Not in the evenings or week-ends

### May Rest in Peace

+ MEMORIAL MASS for David Croucher RIP Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 12.30pm

FUNERAL SERVICE for Philomena Shilling RIP Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 12 noon.

*Let us pray for the repose of these souls+*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**YOUTH GROUP- on Sat 20th Jan** -Are you in year 7-13 and would like to come and join us for pizza, fun and games? We would love to see you at our meeting in Fisher Hall - Ruth and Sirja

**'THE LIFEBOAT'** (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)  
Next meeting Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 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 speak to Father Saju after Mass to join the prep session. The next one is Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 11.15am in the Fisher Hall.

**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. Isabel -07851062232  
[orisabelpb4@hotmail.com](mailto:orisabelpb4@hotmail.com)

**PARISH HALL USERS** Please do not expect other hall users to clear up any mess that has been made during the coffee mornings or group meetings, that is the team's responsibility. Please leave the hall clean and tidy for other hall users to enjoy who have to pay for its use! There are cleaning materials in the kitchen and cupboard in the entrance. Also, please do not leave food or drinks lying around or in the fridge, please dispose of them before they go rotten. Thank you!

**BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE COURSE** As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: [website:https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life](https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life)

**CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE 18th -25th January. The Church observes eight days' prayer for Christian Unity.**

**PARISH FINANCE:** Thank you for your continued generosity, which the parish relies on to maintain a positive financial balance. Those eligible for Gift Aid, please do sign up for that. A QR code is available in each narthex on the notice boards for an easy electronic sign-up. Gift aid payments can also be made on the card machines in Corpus Christi Bank Transfers 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**

**Parish Finance chair: Ken Marsh**

**Gift -aid: Tony Mahoneytonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk - 01732 773531.**

Can I remind parishioners that cheques for the parish need to be made out to 'RCAS Tonbridge'- Many thanks. Ken

### PARISH NOTICES-

**THIS WEEKEND** we have our annual White Flower Appeal given by Katherine Hampton from SPUC. There will be a retiring collection for their work.

**NEXT WEEKEND** there is an optional second collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.

**STAY&PLAY** - For all families with young children. Coffee, chat, play. Wednesdays 10-11.30am Fisher Hall- During term time.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL GROUP** The meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January is not taking place as it is Brian's Requiem Mass.

**RACE NIGHT, MALAWI TWIN FUND RAISER.** Saturday 10th February 2024. 7.30 pm Fisher Hall. Tickets £8 to include supper: (chilli con carne or vegetarian option). Bring your own drinks. Raffle prizes to be won. Place your bets: on 8 pre-recorded horse races. Tickets on sale after all masses from this weekend or contact Lucy Langridge [lucy.langridge@virgin.net](mailto:lucy.langridge@virgin.net) 07946291410

**FLOWER LADIES AT CORPUS CHRISTI** are recruiting for more flower arrangers. If this is something you might be interested in please contact Amy Stead 01732 352989 for more information.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** We would appreciate your continued assistance especially with any food suitable for babies and young children. Many thanks from all at SVP.

**TABLE TOP SALE** on Saturday 3rd February in St Justus Church Hall 9.30am-1.30pm. Anything that is saleable for church stalls! Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854. To book a stall Joan Reid 01892 838495

**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH:** Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feely, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Nigel Green, Carol Mapple, Maria Neves, Martyn Bowman, Mollie Mellish, Marcella & Barry Webb and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially, Daniel Henry and Mary Perry, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, Peter Mellish, Nicholas Conway, John Ashton, Pauline Entwistle, Colin Jenner, Ronald Forté, John Martin, Bryce Cottrell, Joan Critten, Philip Canning, William Mitchel and Maureen Humphrey, may they rest in peace. Amen.