



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



Corpus Christi

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St. Justus

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St. Peter

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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THE LORD IS AT WORK The changes that take place in our times of stillness are often unnoticed by us. Or they seem slight. But they are significant. Even tiny changes in our souls can have long-lasting effects. When we enter the great silence of our hearts, all we may see is a grey landscape where nothing is of interest and nothing is happening. But if we stay and hand ourselves over to the silence, slowly we begin to notice things that, with our restless eyes, we did not at first see. The longer we stay, the more our gaze discovers.

God is always at work in the hearts of those who are searching for him. AS we hand ourselves over to silence we are allowing the Lord to work in us. He is moving in the very depths of our being, in the place we call the subconscious. He is at work in those areas where our hurts are buried, where problems and past traumas are deadening our inner lives.

And while nothing seems to be happening on the surface, a lot may be going on in these hidden places. The Lord is working freeing us, healing us. Only later, often much later do we become aware that he has visited the darker areas of our being and set us free.

We need a very perceptive eye, to spot the changes in ourselves at first: a tiny lowering of the level of anxiety perhaps, a feeling of more energy, or an ability to sit with sad memories. Others may notice them before we do. Sometimes a glimmer of the divine light in us shines through. *(from a Way of Silent Prayer)*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 7 th January 2024			Weekly in the Parish
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD			
SATURDAY 6 th Jan	6.00pm	Bruno Raimondi RIP	Morning Prayer Corpus Christi- Mon at 9.40 am
SUNDAY 7 th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: Pat & Margaret Hetherton RIP (Jane Hetherton & Teresa Feely)	Christian Meditation At Corpus Christi Tue 6.30 pm -7.00 pm.
	10.00am	John Collins RIP (Catherine Collins)	
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish	
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD			Adoration At Corpus Christi THURSDAYS AFTER 10.30AM -10PM
MONDAY 8 th Jan	10.00am	Michael Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)	Rosary At Corpus Christi 9.30 am on Thur, Fri & Sat
TUESDAY 9 th Jan	10.00am	St Justus: Jimmy Bacon RIP (Jane Hetherton & Teresa Feely)	Cherubs In the hall before 10am Mass on Sunday
WED 10 th Jan		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>	First Saturdays Devotion at 9.30am Holy Face Devotion at 10.30am Sats and 1st Tues at St. Justus'
THURSDAY 11 th Jan	10.00am	Deceased members of the Austin & Pavlidis families (Margaret Pavlidis)	
FRIDAY 12 th Jan	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP (Monica Boardman)	
SATURDAY 13 th Jan	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP & for the consolation of her family (Jackie Almeida)	
	6.00pm	John Murphy RIP (Maura Branch)	
SECOND SUNDAY OT (B)			
SUNDAY 14 th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: For the People of the Parish	
	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP (Mahoney family)	
	12noon	St Peter: Lucy Cziraki RIP (Jacqui Shaw)	

+ FUNERAL SERVICE for Gregory Hooper Monday 15th January 12.45pm at Corpus Christi. + FUNERAL SERVICE for Patricia Fordyce Friday 26th January 12noon at Corpus Christi. + REQUIEM MASS for Brian Wilkins Tuesday 30th January 12noon at Corpus Christi.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YOUTH GROUP- on Sat 6th 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 27th 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 2nd March 11.15am in the Fisher Hall.

CONFESSION: Sat 10.30am – 11.00am 5pm-5.45 pm at CC; St Justus-after Tuesday morning mass

CONFIRMATION2024: Candidates who have registered class begin Saturday 13th January 4.00pm in the Fisher Hall. Registration has now closed. Email: tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Classes resume Tuesday 9th January 5.00pm in the Fisher Hall. Registration has now enclosed. Email: tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

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 or isabelpb4@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>

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; **Christmas offering:** Quote CHRS, **Malawi Twin Quote** MT

Account: RCAS Tonbridge

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

NEXT SUNDAY is Peace Sunday

MONDAY – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ends the Season of Christmas and **ORDINARY TIME BEFORE LENT** begins Year B.

STAY&PLAY—are looking for a parishioner who is willing to co-ordinate the running of the group during term time starting January. Please contact Tina Kirk

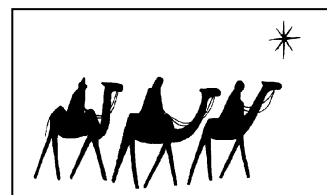
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL wishes all parishioners a very happy New Year! Many thanks for all of your wonderful festive donations leading up to Christmas and over the Christmas period. We would appreciate your continued assistance especially with any food suitable for babies and young children. Many thanks from all at St v de P.

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.

TABLE TOP SALE on Saturday 5th February in St Justus Church Hall. Anything that is saleable for church stalls! Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854

THANK YOU to all those who helped prepare our three churches for Christmas and making them look so beautiful.



EMERGENCY SICK CALL NUMBER UNTIL THURSDAY AFTER MASS Father Tom 07919875153

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Danny Henry, Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Nigel Green, Carol Mappley, Maria Neves, Martyn Bowman, Cliff Williams, Mollie Mellish and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Brian Wilkins, Gregory Hooper, Patricia Fordyce and David Croucher, Eileen Blake, Nicholas Page, Hattie Atkinson Una Common, Francis (Mac) McCabe, Luisa Reed, Claire Griffey, Sandra McKernan, Deacon Jim, Bruno Raimondi, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, may they rest in peace. Amen.