

## Corpus Christi

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## Gospel Reflection.

Elijah the man of God assured her in this words: "do not be afraid... make me a little cake {from your very little flour}...and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth" (1Kg 18, 13-14). The widow was really concerned about sharing the little she had to live on with Elijah; a complete stranger, even though he came to her very hungry but she appeared almost helpless to give out a little portion of her meal to him. (She was concentrating on herself and her son). But God wanted to teach here that; no matter how poor you think you are, there is someone somewhere that you are better off than. She had only a handful of flour; according to her, but Elijah had practically nothing to depend on. And because, she was courageous enough to give out a little even from the little she had, God surprised her with multiple portions, so much so that, she will not be in lack no matter how long the famine persists. Giving can be paining; but this is the taste of true giving. We don't just give, we must give with all our heart. The widow of Zeraphat gave virtually from nothingness and so was it with the poor widow in today's Gospel; "she gave out of her poverty; putting in everything she had to live on" (Mk 12, 44). Yes, it is true that Jesus criticized the many rich people who put in large sums of money; not because they put in large sums or because they were rich; but because what they did was Done in hypocrisy.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OT (B)			WEEKLY IN THE PARISH MORNING PRAYER
SATURDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6.00pm	Nicholas Pavlidis RIP (Margaret Pavlidis)	CORPUS CHRISTI
	•	For the People of the Parish	MON AT 9.40 AM
SUNDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> For those who lost their lives in two world wars and other conflicts	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
	10.00am	For those who lost their lives in two world wars and other conflicts	AT CORPUS CHRISTI TUE 6.30 PM -7.00 PM.
	12noon	St. Peter: For Our Dearly Departed	ADORATION AT CORPUS CHRISTI
MONDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	Maeve Conlan RIP (Maura Branch)	THURSDAYS AFTER 10.30AM -10PM
TUESDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	St Justus: Peggy & Doug Marriott RIP (Marie Marriott)	ROSARY AT CORPUS CHRISTI
WED 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Priest offers Mass privately	9.30 AM ON THUR, FRI & SAT
THURSDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am	For those Holy Souls that have nobody to pray for them (Catherine Collins)	CHERUBS IN THE HALL BEFORE
FRIDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00aam	Intentions Liam Collins (Frances Hirst)	10AM MASS ON SUNDAYS
SATURDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.00am 6.00pm	For Our Dearly Departed For the People of the Parish THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OT (B)	FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION AT 9.30AM HOLY FACE DEVOTION AT 10.30AM SATS AND
SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	St Justus: Deacon Reg & Wyn Grimmette RIP (Barry Weston) Francis Xavier Coutinho RIP (coutinho family) St Peter: Hilda & Charlie Munro RIP (Isabelle Parsons)	1 <sup>st</sup> TUES AT ST. JUSTUS

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 Mike Wilson 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-**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 – Stefano

Next meeting Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November after 6.00pm Mass. **'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)** Next meeting Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 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.

ANNUAL MASS FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED in Corpus Christi Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am followed by refreshments in the hall.

BAPTISM: Please speak to Father after Mass to join the

Parent's Baptism Preparation session. Next session is Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 11.30am in the Fisher Hall.

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

CONFIRMATION

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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

Sessions for the children begin on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November in the Fisher Hall from 5-6pm. Enrolment Mass is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am in Corpus Christi church.

**RCIA** If you are interested in the Roman Catholic Faith and would like to become a Catholic or need adult Sacraments, please speak to Father Philip.

**FAMILY SUNDAYS** Faith in the Family group meets on the 1st Sunday of the month. You are invited to the Fisher Hall after 10am Mass for a fun, faith-filled, craft activity along with biscuits and a cuppa.

**MUMS/DADS NIGHTS**- Taking time to feed our own faith by exploring an aspect of Christianity with other parents in the parish. We meet in someone's home, watch some input to get us thinking and chat over pizza and drinks. All are very welcome. Contacts Isabel (07851062232) or Nick

(07851609097)

**FROM ALL AT ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Thank you for your donations, Please continue to support our St Vincent de Paul collection box at the back of church. There is a great need for baby food, nappies and toiletries.

**COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE, PADDOCK WOOD** are requesting extra items for Christmas. Jelly, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Cream, Christmas Pudding, Mince Pies, Shortbread Biscuits, Chocolates, Sweets, Savoury Nibbles, Crisps, Fizzy Drinks, Cranberry Sauce, Bread Sauce, Stuffing, Gravy. Cash donations, Tesco & Waitrose vouchers are welcome.

**ON SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Please Invite others to join the day on Facebook.

https://www.facebook.com/events/911998444365954/

**PARISH FINANCE** Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Parish for your generosity. The Offertory collections were: Week 2/3 November 20241st Collection Gift Aid £128.00 & Cash £482.06Card Machine (October) £120Bankers Order (October) £5,463.30For those eligible not registered for Gift Aid please do consider signing up so that your cash contributions to the Church can be increased by 25%.Please email or speak to Tony Mahoney for further information or use the QR code in the narthex to sign up electronically. Bank Transfer details are OFF for Offertories, ST for Mass Stipends, MT for Malawi Twin, SOLAR for MT Lights.

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Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531) Gift Aid email:- Tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk Cheques for the Parish make payable to RCAS Tonbridge.

PARISH NOTICES **THIS WEEKEND** there is a second collection for the 'Archbishop's Appeal' this funds three key mission areas: Youth & Evangelization, Our Faith in Action, and Clergy Care & Formation.

**THIS WEEKEND** Jill Davison will be giving the annual appeal for solar lights for Malawi.

**NEXT WEEKEND** We have our annual collection for the Malawi Lights Appeal.

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 23 November 12-3pm** Two weeks to go! Please keep those donations coming in and return your Grand Draw ticket stubs & money to the volunteers after Mass or to Jan in Parish office ASAP. We also need any unsold/ not needed tickets returned for resale. Above all though SAVE THE DATE. We hope you can all attend and make this a wonderful Parish occasion!

**ST JUSTUS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** to be held in their hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 11.00am- - 2.00pm. Donations of bottles, cakes and Christmassy items are greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17TH 2-4pm ST.JUSTUS CHURCH HALL: £5 PER FAMILY This event is open to all our parish children and their friends. Parents and carers, why not take a couple of hours to yourselves as our popular Christmas craft afternoon for children event is taking place again. The children will be supervised as they make some beautiful gifts for their friends and family. We will be providing water and squash, there will be chocolate sweets for the children to put into their little sleighs. Please advise us of any allergies.

**PADDOCK WOOD LIGHTS UP EVENT SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**. Come and find us at our stall which will show the real meaning of Christmas. There will be gifts for children.

**THERE ARE** some free Missio calendars for 2025 available in the narthex, please take one.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry ,Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Nigel Green, Carol Mappley, Martyn Bowman and, John & Mary McNulty, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Gerard Jones and Mary Blackbourn. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Valentine Scrutton, Godfrey Horne, Dorothy Murray, Noel Ryan, Jack Boles, Mary Woodhouse and Marjory Sheldon.