



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



Corpus Christi

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St. Justus

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St. Peter

Maidstone Road, Hadlow
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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT. Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1st December to Christmas Eve!). The word Advent comes from the latin word 'adventus' meaning 'Arrival' or 'Coming'. This is the arrival or coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. There are three meanings of 'coming' that Christians describe in Advent. The first, and most thought of, happened about 2000 years ago when Jesus came into the world as a baby to live as a man and die for us. The second can happen now as Jesus wants to come into our lives now. And the third will happen in the future when Jesus comes back to the world as King and Judge, not a baby.

Also the funeral Mass of Bishop John Hine (Ex Auxiliary bishop for the Kent area) will be on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm in St Georges Cathedral. Southwark. Please pray for the repose of his soul. *Fr Philip*

+ Requiem Mass for Mary Kieley is on Monday 16th December at 12noon at Corpus Christi

MASS AND INTENTIONS 1 st December 2024		
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)		
SATURDAY 30 th Nov	6.00pm	Mary Lake RIP (Mary Wand)
SUNDAY 1 st Dec	8.30am	St Justus: Joseph Millard RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St. Peter: John & Pat Parsons RIP (Isabelle Parsons)
MONDAY 2 nd Dec	10.00am	Aurelia Pesaña RIP (Febronia Johnston)
TUESDAY 3 rd Dec	10.00am	St Justus: Stuart Hirst RIP (Frances Hirst)
WED 4 th Dec		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 5 th Dec	10.00am	Marie Reid RIP (Eleanor Smith)
FRIDAY 6 th Dec	10.00aam	Alan Jarek RIP & welfare of Eugenia (Family)
SATURDAY 7 th Dec	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP (Mahoney family)
	6.00pm	Eddie Lobo RIP (Almeida family)
SUNDAY 8 th Dec	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Special Intentions Mary Girdlestone For the People of the Parish
	12noon	David Bogie RIP & family

WEEKLY 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 -10PM
ROSARY
AT CORPUS CHRISTI
9.30 AM
ON THUR, FRI & SAT
CHERUBS
IN THE HALL BEFORE
10AM MASS ON
SUNDAYS
HOLY FACE DEVOTION
AT 10.30AM SATS AND
1ST 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 30th November after 6.00pm Mass.

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)

Next meeting Saturday 30th 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.

PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE Sunday 8th December 3.30pm in Corpus Christi.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE Monday 16th December at 7.30pm in Corpus Christi.

BAPTISM: Please speak to Father Philip after Mass to join the Parent's Baptism Preparation session. Next session is Saturday 30th 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

tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

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.

PARISH FINANCE Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Parish for your generosity. For 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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Cheques for the Parish make payable to RCAS Tonbridge.

Week 23/24 November 2024 Offertories :- Gift Aid £133.00 & Cash £320.20 Bazaar £3,540.90 Card Machine (October) £120 Bankers Order (October) £5,463.30

PARISH NOTICES

THE LIFEBOAT: a very warm welcome awaits you at the parish bereavement support group. This Saturday (30th) we will be focussing on the ways we remember our departed loved ones, and how to honour their memory. We will also look ahead to ways in which we might take care of ourselves over the Christmas period, which can present extra challenges for the bereaved. 11.30-1 at St Peter's, Hadlow. More information from Isabelle (07873 953423)

ST PETER'S SOCIAL GROUP: film night on Friday 13th December, at St Peter's, Hadlow, at 7pm. We will be showing the BBC film "The Nativity" (PG). There are 24 tickets and £2 includes a drink and chocolates. If you are interested, please contact Isabelle Parsons (07873 953423) to add your name to the list.

ST JUSTUS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR This Saturday (30th) 11.00am- - 2.00pm in the church hall. Please do come along and support it!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES SHEETS are available this weekend, please take one and keep handy for reference.

ITEMS NEEDED for Table Top Sale in the New Year in St Justus Church Hall. If you have any items in good condition that you no longer want, please contact John Murphy who will collect. 01892 836854

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 Mapple, Martyn Bowman and, John & Mary McNulty, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Gerard Jones and Gloria Gorrington. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Mary Blackburn, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time Joseph Annall, Connie Bell, Patricia Marston, Betty Fraser, Michael Shanahan, Monica Gryzb, Stuart Hirst, Peter Pointet, Amelia MacDonald and Alan Jarek.