



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



## Corpus Christi

41 Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge  
TN9 1EY

## St. Justus

Mount Pleasant, Paddock Wood  
TN12 6AG

## St. Peter

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TN11 0HR

ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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**The Gospel is from Luke 3:10-18.** The Baptist's words are still very much to the point for all of us. We are all to a greater or lesser degree tax collectors and sinners. They had the honesty to admit it and asked John what they should do in order to be ready to welcome the Messiah, Christ. Let me ask today too what I should do if I mean to welcome Christ sincerely at Christmas. And the answer is in the words I have just heard. Am I just and charitable to my fellow-men? If I am an employer am I paying a just wage to those who are producing my wealth for me? If I am an employee am I doing an honest day's work for the pay I am getting? And both employer and employee must in justice and charity think of the consumer—the third party, when fixing or causing the price of what they produce. If the employers, through desire for excessive profit, or the employee through not earning his pay, cause prices to rise then the third party, the consumer, is treated unjustly. Our world today is full of such injustices and sad to say, the Christian countries whose citizens profess to be followers of Christ not only do nothing to prevent this state of affairs but instead are even worse offenders than those who have not yet heard of Christ. I may shrug my shoulders and say what can I do about the injustice that abounds can I do about the injustice that abounds on all sides? But stop and think, there are things I can do. I can put my own conscience in order, I can put myself right with God and neighbour by acting justly, "giving every man his due" from this day forward. I can thus become an example to lead others to do likewise.

Please also remember the Penitential service on Monday 16th December at 7.30pm and also the talk on Family issues in the hall at 8pm. Many thanks. *Fr Philip*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 15th December 2024			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
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) (GAUDETE)			
SATURDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12noon 6.00pm	Baptism John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)	
SUNDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Geoff & Doreen Cox RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	Francis Coutinho RIP (Coutinho family)	
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish	
MONDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Antony & Mary McGettican (Eddie & Mary McGettican)	
	12noon	Requiem Mass for Mary Kielely	
	7.30pm	Advent Reconciliation Service	
TUESDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Wellbeing of the Weston Family (Barry Weston)	
WED 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>	
THURSDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Mary Blackburn	
FRIDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00aam	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)	
SATURDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10.00am	Intentions Steve Collins (Tina & Frances)	
	6.00pm	Leonora Almeida RIP (Almeida family)	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)			
SUNDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Doreen & Geoff Cox RIP (Liz Goddard)	
	10.00am	Special Intentions Father Saju (Tina Kirk) For the People of the Parish	
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Marie Waller RIP Harold Waller RIP (Isabelle Parsons)	

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 14<sup>th</sup> December after 6.00pm Mass.

**'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)**

Next meeting Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December 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 RECONCILIATION SERVICE Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 11.30am in the Fisher Hall. Once you have spoken to Father, please contact the Parish Office before you attend the session.

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

### CONFIRMATION

[tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk)

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

[tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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.

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**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.

**URGENT REQUEST:** 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.

Account name RCAS Tonbridge

Sort Code 60-21-28 Account 71367780

Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531)

Gift Aid email:- [Tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk)

**Cheques for the Parish make payable to RCAS Tonbridge.**

**Weekend 7/8 December 2024 Offertories:- Gift Aid £147.00 & Cash £314.32 St Justus Bazaar £1027.78 Card Machine (November) £140.00 Bankers Order (November) £5,624.30**

### PARISH NOTICES

**CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL GROUP** - Please note the date of our next meeting is Tuesday, 17th December. We shall be celebrating Christmas with mulled wine and mince pies. There will be a raffle to support the work of Spadework. This is open to everyone, so come along & celebrate.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joella Mazavello who was baptized this weekend and to her family and Godparents.

**PLEASE TAKE CARE & BE AWARE** You will have seen that the scaffolding has been erected on the front of the church. The main church doors will be open for all services.

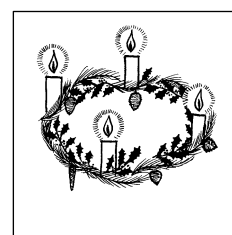
**CHRISTMAS SERVICE SHEETS** are available please take one if you haven't already done so and keep handy.

**DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2025** are available from the parish office. £6.50. If you would like one please collect from the office and pay at the same time, they are not a Repository item.

**MALAWI NEWSLETTER** The latest newsletter is available this weekend. Please take one to see what your continued generosity has achieved for our friends in Malawi.

**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

*Gaudete, gaudete!  
Christmas is coming,  
the Church is glad to sing,  
and let the Advent candles  
brightly burn in a ring.*



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 Gloria Gorrige. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Carol Mappley, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time Agnes Darragh, Lucy Langridge, Anna Forté, Rowley Leigh, Nancy Sequeira, John Winter and Vincent Almeida.