



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

Maidstone Road, Hadlow
TN11 0HR

ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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A Big thank You to the parish Bazaar team who raised almost £4000 on the Christmas bazaar, its the highest we have raised since it being re-started after the Covid shut downs, thanks ever so much to Isobel and all the team. A few people have asked me about the possibility of having an all night Vigil prayers service at Corpus Christi on the first Fridays of the month. It is something I did in my previous parish. It would consist of a Mass at 10pm and then prayers through the night with benediction around 5.30am and Mass at 6am. Please let me know what you think? If people want it, I can start it on the first Friday of January which will be which will be Friday 3rd January. Please keep the first communion Children along with some children at St Margaret Clitherow school who will be singing for us this Sunday at 3.30pm in Corpus Christi church, do come along.

This weekend at the Saturday evening Mass we welcome Fr Michael Sileshi who was former parish priest of Kingston Hill, London who is now on a sabbatical staying in Sevenoaks parish and has offered to help with some masses. *Fr Philip*

+ Requiem Mass for Mary Blackbourn is on Thursday 19th December at 10.00am at Corpus Christi. This will replace the usual 10.00am Mass.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 8th December 2024		
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)		
SATURDAY 7 th Dec	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	St. Peter: David Bogie RIP & family
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
MONDAY 9 th Dec	10.00am	Deceased members of the Girdlestone & Arnell Families (Mary Girdlestone)
TUESDAY 10 th Dec	10.00am	St Justus: Patricia Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
WED 11 th Dec		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 12 th Dec	10.00am	Jeane Cottrell RIP
FRIDAY 13 th Dec	10.00aam	Rick Stead RIP (Amy Stead)
SATURDAY 14 th Dec	10.00am	Father Jake RIP (Wieslawa Jesiolowska)
	6.00pm	John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) (GAUDETE)		
SUNDAY 15 th Dec	8.30am	St Justus: Geoff & Doreen Cox RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Francis Coutinho RIP (Coutinho family)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

**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 14th December after 6.00pm Mass.

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)

Next meeting Saturday 28th 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 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 1st 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

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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SHEETS – There is Sunday Mass at 10.00am on 29th December for those who have already taken a copy.

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

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Cheques for the Parish make payable to RCAS Tonbridge.

Week 30 November/ 1 December 2024 Offertories :- Gift Aid £107.00 & Cash £422.53 2nd Collection:- Catholic Youth £373.69 Solar Lights £2054.25 (final figure) Card Machine (November) £140.00

Bankers Order (November) £5,624.30

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE today at 3.30pm in Corpus Christi

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.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the recent Corpus Christi Bazaar such a success! It was a vibrant Parish occasion-despite the terrible weather-and raised a total of £3,700 for the Church. A special thank you goes to the stall holders, the volunteers who provided such a delicious range of international street food, the kitchen crew, and all who provided donations, baked cakes or helped on the day in any way. Thank you also to the people who supported the Bazaar by coming along on the day and making it a joyful community event. We look forward to making the event even better next year and would love to hear your feedback or suggestions. Just let any member of the team know!

ST JUSTUS CHRISTMAS FAIR raised £1017.78. Many thanks to those who helped to achieve this success & to those who supported it."

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.

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 Gorrings. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time Robert Elks, Jack Newbould, Albert Hurst and Marie Wiseman.