



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Conversion to Communion

On Wednesday this week the period of Lent begins. In lent the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since many of us find that we've wandered from God's path, lent provides another opportunity to return to God with our whole heart, a renewed communion with Jesus Christ.

Lent, which draws its inspiration from the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert, is a period of reminders. On Ash Wednesday we use ashes on our forehead in the shape of a cross to remind us of our own mortality and to begin our journey of penance and prayer. The purple colour of the vestments and absence of Gloria at Mass are subtle reminders to us that we are in the desert with Jesus preparing us for Holy Week. The fasting in lent helps to deepen our relationship with God as well as to strengthen our call to almsgiving. Further, lent will enable us "to exit the illusion of self-sufficiency in order to discover and accept one's own need, the need of others and God, the need of His forgiveness and His friendship," (Pope Benedict XVI). I wish and pray that this year's lent may bring us openness to God's grace and a deep desire to receive what is being offered to us. May the signs and symbols of Lent help us stay focused and to experience lent as a blessing. **Fr. Saju**

MASS AND INTENTIONS 11 th February 2024			THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
SIXTH SUNDAY OT (B)			
SATURDAY 10 th Feb	6.00pm	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)	MORNING PRAYER Monday at 9.40 am Corpus Christi
SUNDAY 11 th Feb	8.30am	St Justus: Anne & Jerry Hegarty RI (Jane Hetheron & Teresa Feely)	
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	
	12noon	St. Peter: For the deceased members of the Munro family (Isabelle Parsons)	
MONDAY 12 th Feb	10.00am	St Justus: Maurice O'Gorman (Tricia & family)	ADORATION Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm
TUESDAY 13 th Feb	10.00am	St Justus: In honour of the Holy Face of Jesus (Jacqui Shaw)	
ASH WEDNESDAY			ROSARY 9.30 amon Thurs, Fri & Sat at Corpus Christi
WED 14 th Feb	10.00am 12 noon	Corpus Christi: Margaret Duddy RIP (Patrick Duddy) St Justus: Ken, Gladys & Susan Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	
THURSDAY 15 th Feb	10.00am	The Curtis family (Suzanne McGoldrick)	HOLY FACE DEVOTION Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi & First Tuesday of the month after mass at St Justus.
FRIDAY 16 th Feb	10.00am 7.30pm	Mona Lavin (Gerard Lavin) Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY 17 th Feb	10.00am 6.00pm	Welfare of David Kirk (Tina Kirk) Martin & John RIP & deceased members of the Moore family (Margaret Constable)	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Corpus Christi: Tuesdays 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm.
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)			
SUNDAY 18 th Feb	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	St Justus: Margaret Isard RIP (Pat Hook) For the People of the Parish St Peter: For the consolation of the Mahoney family (Isabelle Parsons)	CHERUBS Sundays before 10.00am Mass in the Fisher Hall

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

Lent Preparation 2024: Sessions on the Our Father

Mondays 19, 26 Feb, 4 and 11 Mar- 7.30 pm -8.30 pm in the Fisher Hall

Lenten Talks - Mon 18, Tue 19 and Wed 20 Mar: 7.30 pm-8.30 pm at Corpus Christi Church.

YOUTH GROUP- on Sat 24th Feb-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 24th February 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 tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

Next session Saturday 24th February 4.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Email: tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

RCIA: Rite of Election- Maria, Darryl, Jamie, Matthew and Ndina will celebrate the Rite of Election on Sat 17th February at the Southwark Cathedral, as part of entering into full communion at Easter Mass. Kindly remember them in your prayers.

SHROVE TUESDAY - Our Blessed Lord requested that a special feast be instituted to honour His Holy Face on the day before Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday) which this year will be Tuesday 13th February. Mass will be at 10am at St. Justus', Paddock Wood. There will be Devotion prayers of Reparation after Mass, booklets, chaplets, prayer cards and medals will be available. More info from me, Jacqui Shaw, on 01732 355019 or jacquimshaw@yahoo.co.uk or [youtube.com/theholysface](https://www.youtube.com/theholysface)

PEW RENOVATION CORPUS CHRISTI- the church will be closed to parishioners from Monday to Wednesday for possibly three weeks or more except for funerals and Mass on Ash Wednesday, the funerals will be mentioned in the newsletter. **For this period Monday Mass will be transferred to St. Justus. Thursdays will be as normal. Friday will be as normal.** We are sorry for any inconvenience and hope you will be happy with the result, please refer to the newsletter each week in case of changes.

May they Rest in Peace

Philomena Shilling RIP Monday 19th February 12 noon.

Mary Perry RIP Thursday 22nd February 11.30am (St J)

Clifford Williams Friday 23rd February 12noon

Let us pray for the repose of these souls+

PARISH FINANCE: In December the parish had ordinary income of £17,011 and ordinary expenses of £14,601 resulting in a surplus of £2,410. St Justus's Christmas bazaar contributed to this by nearly £900. The positive financial outcome as in December helps not only to meet the regular monthly expenditure, also other necessary expenditure mainly on parish property. Thank you for your continued generosity, which the parish depends on for sustainable financial health. 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. Offertories and 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; **Malawi Twin** Quote MT

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Sort Code: 60-21-28; Account No: 71367780

Parish Finance chair: Ken Marsh

Gift -aid: Tony Mahoney

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Can I remind parishioners that cheques for the parish need to be made out to 'RCAS Tonbridge'- Many thanks. Ken

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL We have received a thank you letter for your generous donations which totalled £790.38

PARISH NOTICES

THIS WEEKEND There is Fire Drill immediately after Mass at St Justus.

NEXT WEEKEND Paul Whittle will be giving a talk after all Masses about the work of CAFOD. You will be given your Lent Family Fast Day envelopes, which is Friday 23rd February. Please bring your envelopes back and place in the second collection the following week-end, which will be for CAFOD.

RED MISSIO BOXES -To all donors, please collect your red box from the narthex at Corpus Christi Church. Thank you.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND SECOND COLLECTION next weekend: The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have one for parishes. You make supporting our clergy in retirement possible, find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF

You can also donate via telephone office hours Mon-Fri 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes which be available at the back of Church. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, Michael Francis, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, RonnieBrown, MaryGirdlestone, Nigel Green, Carol Mappley, Maria Neves, Martyn Bowman, Mollie Mellish and John & Mary McNulty.**HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, Evelyn Lyhane, Isabelle Shaw, Mavis O'Driscoll, Christopher Croucher, Mary Clayton, John Crowley, Doris Stevens, Mary Moore, Vincenzo Argento, and Susan Crowley, may they rest in peace. Amen.