



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Lent in the Year of Prayer

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis with a particular emphasis on the **Our Father**. The year of prayer offers the church a significant opportunity to revisit the basics of prayer and to promote initiatives to remind the faithful of the centrality of both individual prayer and community prayer. This will open a pathway for us to rediscover the value of prayer and the need for daily prayer in our Christian life. In this age of digital culture it is essential to form a people of prayer to be effective and fruitful in our parish.

Lent is a period set apart for preparation to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. This year in lent we aim to spend an hour in the evenings of four Mondays, starting from Monday 19th March to reflect prayerfully on the familiar and powerful words of the **Our Father**, a journey back to the basics of prayer. Moreover, three speakers at three weekday evenings (18-20 March) before Holy Week will preach on the theme '**Conversion to Communion**' in line with *Ephesians 2:10*, 'we are God's work of art created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it', in this preparation for Holy Week. The parish preparation in Lent may reassure us to deepen our prayer life and faith because prayer is the breath of faith. I earnestly request that you to keep these days available and then each one of us may help at least one other person we have contact with to pray during the year of Prayer. **Fr. Saju**

MASS AND INTENTIONS 3 rd February 2024			THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
FIFTH SUNDAY OT (B)			
SATURDAY 3 rd Feb	6.00pm	Eddie Lobo RIP (Almeida family)	MORNING PRAYER Monday at 9.40 am Corpus Christi
SUNDAY 4 th Feb	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	God's blessings on the Darnell family (Lawlor family)	
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish	
MONDAY 5 th Feb	10.00am	St Justus: Lucy Cziraki RIP (Mahoney Family)	ADORATION Thursdays after 10.00am Mass until 10pm
TUESDAY 6 th Feb	10.00am	St Justus: Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	ROSARY 9.30 am on Thurs, Fri & Sat at Corpus Christi
	12.30pm	Memorial Mass for David Croucher	
WED 7 th Feb		<i>Priest offers Mass privately for Curtis family living and dead</i>	HOLY FACE DEVOTION Saturdays at 10.30am at Corpus Christi & First Tuesday of the month after mass at St Justus.
THURSDAY 8 th Feb	10.00am	Simon Presnell RIP (Suzanne McGoldrick)	
FRIDAY 9 th Feb	10.00am	Bernard Winters & his family	
SATURDAY 10 th Feb	10.00am	Miss F M J Hone	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Corpus Christi: Tuesdays 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm.
	6.00pm	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)	
SIXTH SUNDAY OT (B)			
SUNDAY 11 th Feb	8.30am	St Justus: Anne & Jerry Hegarty RI (Jane Hetheron & Teresa Feely)	CHERUBS Sundays before 10.00am Mass in the Fisher Hall
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	
	12noon	St Peter: For the deceased members of the Munro family (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 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 Email: tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

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

FAITH IN THE FAMILY-For families who will be journeying together in faith over the year. Those families meet in the Fisher Hall after 10am Mass on the first Sunday of every month. Isabel -07851062232 or isabelpb4@hotmail.com

RCIA: Rite of Election- Maria, Daaryl, 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/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8)

ADORATION On Saturday, 3rd February, there will be an holy hour of Adoration from 11 am until 12 noon. This has been requested by members of a group of young people taking part in the Exodus 90 programme (<https://exodus90.com>). All are warmly invited to participate in this special holy hour of Adoration.

May they Rest in Peace

David Croucher RIP Tuesday 6th February 12.30pm

Philomena Shilling RIP Monday 19th February 12 noon.

Let us pray for the repose of these souls+

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you for your continued generosity, which the parish relies on to maintain a positive financial balance. 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. 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

Account: RCASTonbridge

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

PARISH NOTICES

THIS WEEKEND FIRE DRILL following the Masses at Corpus Christi. As per usual the drills will take place immediately at the end of each Mass.

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

RACE NIGHT, MALAWI TWIN FUND RAISER-Next Saturday (10th February) at 7.30 pm in the Fisher Hall. Tickets £8 to include supper: (chilli con carne or vegetarian option). Bring your own drinks. Raffle prizes to be won. Place your bets: on 8 pre-recorded horse races. Tickets on sale after all masses from this weekend or contact Lucy Langridge lucy.langridge@virgin.net 07946291410

RED MISSIO BOXES -To all donors, thank you for collecting funds for Missio during 2023. The amount raised individually is written below each box. All boxes are labelled with donor names, ready to be collected from the narthex at Corpus Christi Church. (Jackie Almeida).

PEW RENOVATION CORPUS CHRISTI- From 5th February 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 the church will be closed except for 10.00 Mass. 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.

FATHER SAJU has received a 'With Sympathy' card from Mgr Boniface Tamani, who was one of the first priests from Malawi connected with the parish Malawi Project, which is also addressed to the Malawi Team. It is on the parish notice board for those of you who would like to read it.

EME: Four parishioners were commissioned as the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist on Sat 3 Feb at the Cathedral. We are grateful to them for this ministry.

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, Maria Neves, Martyn Bowman, Mollie Mellish and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Sarah Gilliat-Smith and Kitty Long and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, Chiarina Radecke, Teresa Kelly, Reginald Farquharson, Reginald Shilling, Mary Richardson, Gillian Regan and Patricia Spall, may they rest in peace. Amen.