



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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God's forgiveness

The Final session on the *Our Father* will be on Monday 11 March 2024 in the Fisher Hall. I thank all those who attended the sessions to reflect and nourish their Lenten journey. It was encouraging to see the openness of the participants to share their experiences and reflection with their group. You will see below extracts from Shyla, who was very generous in sharing her experience of this journey with the parish. Fr. Saju

This lent as a parish we have been reflecting on *Our Father*. Last Monday we were asked to prayerfully reflect on the part of the *Our Father* where we say "give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." One of the questions that was asked during the reflection was, what have you heard today that you find challenging? I knew my answer right away, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." It struck me, "if I don't forgive others, then will I be forgiven by God?" Certainly this was a 'soul searcher'. I become conscious that 'no big deal' sins are a big deal to God; sins separate me from Him and others. In the Gospel of Matthew 12: 24-30 the parable of the weeds, v 25b says, "the enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away." I can see that my life being filled with weeds, these so called 'no big deal' sins. "Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." God is a Righteous judge who reaches out to us with love. That's what I see in the prayer *Our Father*. Reflection on the *Our Father* during Lent is a beautiful opportunity to experience God as *Abha*, dad who forgives us unconditionally.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 10 th March 2024		
FOURTH SUNDAY (LAETARE) OF LENT (B)		
SATURDAY 9 th Mar	6.00pm	George Ouseph RIP (Liji George)
SUNDAY 10 th Mar	8.30am	St Justus: Grethal Rodriques (Jane Hetherton)
	10.00am	Theresa Coutinho RIP (Coutinho family)
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 11 th Mar	10.00am	St Justus: Brian Wilkins RIP & for the consolation of Martina and the family (Liam Collins)
TUESDAY 12 th Mar	10.00am	St Justus: Wellbeing of the Weston family (Barry Weston) Stations of the Cross
WED 13 th Mar		<i>Priest celebrates Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 14 th Mar	10.00am	Special Intentions (Maura Branch)
FRIDAY 15 th Mar	10.00am	David Burford Intentions (Tina Kirk)
SATURDAY 16 th Mar	10.00am	Brian Wilkins Rip & for the consolation of his family (Tina Kirk)
	6.00pm	George Ouseph RIP (Liji George)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)		
SUNDAY 17 th March	8.30am	St Justus: Thomas Isard RIP (Pat Hook)
	10.00am	Ernest Sharp RIP (Georgina & Gordon Cuthbertson)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Justus Tues after Mass
St Peter Weds 10.00am
Corpus Christi: Fri 7.30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday at 9.40 am
Corpus Christi

ADORATION

Thursdays after 10.00am
Mass until 10pm

ROSARY- 9.30 am on

Thurs, Fri & Sat at CC Christi

HOLY FACE DEVOTION

Saturdays at 10.30am at
Corpus Christi & First
Tuesday of the month
after mass at St Justus.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Corpus Christi: Tuesdays
6.30 pm - 7.00 pm.

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 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

Session on Our Father (Fisher Hall)

Session Four- Monday 11 March: 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Lenten Talks (Corpus Christi)

Monday 18 March: **Monsignor Matthew Dickens**
(PP of St. Thomas a Becket, Wandsworth)

Tuesday 19 March: **Canon Victor Darlington**
(Episcopal Vicar for the South East)

Wednesday 20 March: **Canon Brian Coyle**
(PP of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Deal.

Chrism Mass – 11 am 27 March at St. George's Cathedral

BAPTISM Session -Saturday 1st June in the Fisher Hall, time to be confirmed.

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

PARISH FINANCE: 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, please follow the next step: **Mass Stipends:** Quote ST; **Offertories:** Quote OFF; **Malawi Twin Quote MT, Easter Offering** Quote ESTR.

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

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Email:

tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

RCIA: The scrutinise of elects, Maria, Darryl, Jamie, Matthew and Ndinain is taking place in the weekend. You may keep them in prayers as they will be received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

FAMILY SUNDAYS - Every 1st Sunday of the month, families 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. Contact Isabel (07851062232) or Nick (07851609097) if you'd like to know any more, or talk to anyone already involved after church.

PEW RENOVATION CORPUS CHRISTI- the church will be closed to parishioners from Monday to Wednesday until further notice except for funerals. 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. Please refer to the newsletter each week in case of changes.

IN LENT- PADDOCK WOOD FOOD BANK are requesting food items. Waitrose & Tesco gift cards are very acceptable & online bank transfers: Community Storehouse Sort code: 40-36-35ACC no: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL(SVP) We would appreciate your continued assistance especially with any food suitable for babies and young children. Many thanks from all at SVP.

May they Rest in Peace

Sarah Gilliat-Smith Monday 11th March 12noon Mollie

Mellish Tuesday 12th March Funeral Service 1.30pm

Monique Spice Tuesday 19th March 12noon

Let us pray for the repose of their souls +

PARISH NOTICES-

THIS WEEKEND there will be a retiring collection for the work of Leprosy, this should have taken place 27th/28th January, the 28th being World Leprosy Day and their appeal weekend but there was a diocesan second collection also on that weekend

NEXT WEEKEND There is a second collection for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

THE MANDATUM – HOLY THURSDAY (Corpus Christi) If you would like to have your feet washed in the 8.00pm Mass then please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex.

WATCHING AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE (Corpus Christi) Holy Thursday after 8.00pm Mass till Midnight. If you are able to stay, please sign up on the list on the table in the Narthex.

STAY&PLAY - For all families with young children. Coffee, chat, play. Wednesdays 10-11.30am Fisher Hall. £1 per family. During term time.

REPOSITORY CORPUS CHRISTI There is a good selection of books and booklets for Lenten reading available for sale. Please do browse. Please put money in the 'Repository' box on the wall or pay at the card machine selecting the purpose.

HALL MEETING ROOM Parish users, please check with the Parish Office for availability before using it for a meeting. Thank you.

PARSH HALL USERS Please make sure that the tables and chairs are stacked correctly after use, ensuring that the retaining bands are secured. And the table tops are cleaned after use.

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT EVENTS- in the diocese. There are some upcoming events, please see poster for details.

THANK YOU to all of you that have been keeping me and my family in your thoughts and prayers. I have now finished the chemo treatments and received very positive news. You have made this difficult journey more bearable for me. God bless. Maria Neves.

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, Maria Neves, Martyn Bowman and John & Mary McNulty. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Dorothy Giles, Hilary Hull, David Bogie, Victoria Hirst and Marie Norman, may they rest in peace. Amen.