



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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HOLY WEEK

With our Palm Sunday celebration this weekend, we begin our journey through Holy Week which is special to us. The period of Lent for our parish offered opportunities to prepare us as one family for Holy Week. We initiated this journey in Lent with sessions on *Our Father* on the first four Mondays of Lent, identifying this prayer as the model prayer of the Church, and helping us to grow in personal and communal prayer. The first part of *Our Father* as we explored focuses on praising and thanking God, then leading one to pray with faith and trust in God for present, past and future situations in life. Similarly the first three days in the fifth week of Lent, we were fortunate to have Mgr. M. Dickens, Canon V. Darlington and Canon B. Coyle to lead us to Holy Week with their Lent talks. Mgr. Dickens took us along with the Emmaus Journey (Luke 24) asking us to become aware that Jesus walks along side each one of us calling, 'come with me, move with me and change with me', thus offering us constant opportunities for conversion to communion with the Lord. Canon Darlington explained the journey of the Samaritan Woman (John 4) with Jesus, the seventh man in her life, offering her conversion to communion with the Lord. She became an apostle to proclaim Jesus as Messiah. Canon Coyle reflected that communion with the Lord helps us to encounter Christ as a gift to life. I am very grateful to all those who participated in these sessions and talks. I pray that these preparations now will help us to experience the Holy Week liturgies and to share the joy for resurrection- the Lord is Risen. **Fr Saju**

MASS AND INTENTIONS 24 th March 2024			THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)			
SATURDAY 23 rd Mar	6.00pm	Felix Almeida RIP (Almeida family)	STATIONS OF THE CROSS St Justus Tues after Mass St Peter Weds 10.00am
SUNDAY 24 th Mar	8.30am Hall	St Justus: Bill & Moira Feely RIP (Jane Hetheron & Teresa Feely)	
	10.00am	Nicholas Rafferty RIP (Jean Rafferty)	
	9.50am Hall 12noon	St. Peter: Welfare of Richard Shaw (Jacqui Shaw)	
MONDAY 25 th Mar	10.00am	Brian Wilkins RIP & family's intentions. (Denise & Robin Hutton)	MORNING PRAYER Monday at 9.40 am Corpus Christi
TUESDAY 26 th Mar	10.00am	St Justus: Helen, Tony & Brian Murphy RIP (Vivienne Bowman) Stations of the Cross	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Corpus Christi: Tuesdays 6.30 pm -7.00 pm.
WED 27 th Mar	11.30 am	<i>Chrism Mass at the Cathedral</i>	
THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER			CHERUBS Sundays before 10.00am Mass in the Fisher Hall
THURSDAY 28 th Mar	8.00pm	Intentions David Burford (Maura Branch) <i>Procession of the BI Sacrament to the Altar of repose</i>	
THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)			Walk of Witness 10 am – St. Peter's 11.30 am – St. Justus
FRIDAY 29 th Mar	3.00pm 3.00pm 7.30 pm	Corpus Christi Church St Justus Church Praying around the empty corss at Corpus Christi church	
THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT			
SATURDAY 30 th Mar	8.30pm 8.30pm	CC Ellen & John Swarbrick RIP (Dave Swarbrick) St Justus: Brian Murphy RIP (Vivienne Bowman)	
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF LORD			
SUNDAY 31 st March	8.30am 10.00am 12noon	St Justus: Phyllis Bennett Rip (Vivienne Bowman) Lucy Cziraki RIP (Mahoney family) St Peter: Mary Pinakkattu RIP	

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

HOLY WEEK IN THE PARISH

Maundy Thursday – 8 pm at Corpus Christi

Good Friday – 3 pm at Corpus Christi & St. Justus

7.30 pm *Praying around the Empty Cross at CC*

Easter Vigil Mass- 8.30 pm at Corpus Christi & St. Justus

Easter Day - 8.30 am at St. Justus

-10 am at Corpus Christi

-12 noon at St. Peter.

NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

Wishing you a Blessed Holy Week and Joyful Easter.

Next weekend Collection is your personal gift to your Parish Priest.

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 -Ruth and Sirja

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP) Next meeting Saturday 30th March 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 to be confirmed

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

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Emailtonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

RCIA:The Rite of 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.

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.

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

PARISH NOTICES-

EASTER SERVICES BOOKLETS Please remember to return your booklets before leaving the church, should you forget then please return to the narthex as soon as possible. Thank you.

PALM SUNDAY CC There are some ready made crosses, suggested donation 20p/cross, proceeds to CAFOD

GOOD FRIDAY There is a papal collection for the Holy Places connected with Our Lord's Passion which have always been centres for veneration and pilgrimage. This collection is sent for their upkeep, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

THE MANDATUM – HOLY THURSDAY (Corpus Christi) If you would like to have your feet washed at 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.

CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL GROUP - The next meeting is on Tuesday, 26th March at 10.30am for coffee/tea, biscuits & a chat in Fisher Hall. This is followed by a presentation from Dave Swarbrick on the History of Corpus Christi Church. All welcome.

JAMES PAGE IS RUNNING THE KENT SPRING MARATHON on 14th April 2024 and raising money for [the Malawi Twinproject](https://www.gofundme.com/f/malamarathon2024). The aim is to raise £500 to support the current aims and in memory of Brian Wilkins. You can support him by donating to his online fundraising page: www.gofundme.com/f/malamarathon2024 The link is also accessible via the Malawi Twin website homepage.

ST. JUSTUS CHURCH EASTER GARDEN -Thank you to the children who painted little pots to decorate our Easter Garden and thank you to Joan and Betty for the beautiful Spring flowers they planted inside.

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. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, Ada Nichol, James Syms, Nicholas Rafferty, Lily Wells and Sylvia Sharp, may they rest in peace. Amen.