



# 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

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TN11 0HR

ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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**Peace and Joy:** Jesus during his earthly life gifted Blessed Mary to the Church, as the mother of the Church, and the Eucharist as his continued presence in the Church. The Risen Lord continues to bless the Church as we hear in the Gospel this weekend with the gift of Peace and the Holy Spirit. These gifts transformed the life of the Apostles as we see in the life of St Thomas. Thomas had put all his hope on Jesus of Nazareth. He left everything he had and followed Jesus for three years throughout Galilee and Judea. Thomas witnessed the Lord's miracles. He was held spellbound by Jesus' preaching. He admired the Lord's kindness and love. He had heard Jesus saying that He was establishing the Father's Kingdom. And he was certain that he, one of the chosen 12, would have an important place in that kingdom. And then Jesus was arrested, and crucified. Everything seemed lost, the hope for the future, the conquest of the Kingdom of God, the role of the disciples in the Kingdom. Thomas' mourning was so great that he simply could not believe it when he heard the other disciples say on the third day after Jesus' death that they had seen the Lord. It seemed like a cruel joke, just re-opening the wounds of losing Christ. He would not believe them. In this life situation Jesus comes to Thomas. The Gospel does not record that Thomas touched Jesus, hands and side as so many paintings depict: just that Jesus offered them to Thomas. What the Gospel does record is Thomas' immediate response, "My Lord and My God," and the risen Lord becomes his joy and peace. Let the Risen Lord be the joy and peace to us.

**Dear Parishioners, I am very grateful to you for your generous Easter offering which I consider as a lovely sign of your appreciation and love for my presence and ministry in the parish. Also, I thank you for your active participation in enriching our Lenten journey and the Holy Week liturgies in the parish. Fr. Saju**

### MASS AND INTENTIONS 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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| SATURDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr                  | 6.00pm  | For the People of the Parish  |
| <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)</b> |         |   |
| SUNDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr                    | 8.30am  | <b>St Justus:</b> Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)               |
|   | 10.00am | Brian Wilkins RIP & welfare of Martina & family (Mike & Jenny Lewey)    |
|   | 12noon  | <b>St. Peter:</b> Mary Fleming RIP (Jane Garrigan)                      |
| <b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>           |         |   |
| MONDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr                    | 10.00am | Ester Branch (Suzy & Stephen Wood)                                      |
| TUESDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr                   | 10.00am | <b>St Justus:</b> Carlene Ford RIP (Barry Weston)                       |
| WED 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr                      |         | <i>Priest will offer Mass privately for Father Stephen Wray</i>         |
| THURSDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr                 | 10.00am | Brian Wilkins RIP (Margaret Pavlidis)                                   |
| FRIDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr                   | 10.00am | Marian Barlow and for the consolation of her family (Margaret Pavlidis) |
| SATURDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr                 | 10.00am | Mgr Michael Smith RIP   |
|   | 6.00pm  | Paul Wilmot RIP (Margaret Pavlidis)                                     |
| <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>                 |         |   |
| SUNDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr                   | 8.30am  | <b>St Justus:</b> Hilda Bache RIP                                       |
|   | 10.00am | Anthony Johnston RIP  |
|   | 12noon  | <b>St Peter:</b> 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 SUNDAY**

**FIRST SATURDAYS**  
**DEVOTION AT 9.30AM**  
**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 Headteacher: 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

### Parish appointment

You will be pleased to know that with effect from 30 April 2024 the Archbishop has appointed Fr Jake Dicto as Parochial Administrator of Corpus Christi & St. Justus and St. Peter Parish, Tonbridge. This is a temporary appointment, awaiting the arrival of a Parish Priest to Corpus Christi on 1 September 2024. We welcome Fr. Jake to our parish.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> April 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 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11.15am in the hall,

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

**CONFIRMATION2024** [tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk)

On Easter break next session Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 4.30pm

**FIRST HOLYCOMMUNION** On Easter break next session Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 5.00pm in the Fisher Hall.

[Emailtonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:Emailtonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk)

**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.

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.

**PLEASE NOTE the parish office will be closed Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**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 and Brian Bayross. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Angela Bayross, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time, Janina Dyczko, Mary Humphrey, Mary Steel, Bridget Russell, Joseph Blackwood, Clara Hogg, Ivy Henry, Hilda Harris, Colin Goddard and Patrick Ledwidge, may they rest in peace. Amen.

**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 01892527270

**Gift -aid:** Tony Mahoney

**tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk - 01732 773531.**

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

### PARISH NOTICES-

**THIS WEEKEND & NEXT** There is a special retiring collection details of which will be announced after the weekend Masses.

**JAMES PAGE IS RUNNING THE KENT SPRING MARATHON** on 14th April 2024 and raising money for the Malawi Twinproject. 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](http://www.gofundme.com/f/malamarathon2024) The link is also accessible via the Malawi Twin website homepage.

**ITEMS NEEDED** for the next Table-Top sale in St Justus Church Hall. Anything that is saleable! Please contact John Murphy for collection 01892 836854.

**EMERGENCY SICK CALL NUMBER Father Tom 07919875153**



*'Jesus, I Trust in You!'*