



# 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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**Dear Parishioners** I celebrated my first Mass in Corpus Christi on Thursday, and the Gospel really has given me insight into how to face this new role. In the Gospel (Jn. 15:9-11), Jesus teaches his disciples that love is the hallmark and criterion of Christians in his Last Supper discourse. He told the disciples the importance of loving others as He has loved them and bearing the fruits of the Holy Spirit in their lives. This Sunday's Gospel (Jn. 15:9-17) is from the same chapter but six verses more. This is not a mere coincidence. The Holy Spirit is trying to reach out to us twice this week at this time of transition and change. The Holy Spirit knows how we, as human beings, are affected by the change. My prayer is that we acknowledge and give ourselves permission to connect to whatever feelings we are experiencing currently because of the change and be able to offer it to God at the Holy Mass and allow the Holy Spirit to gently touch our hearts and slowly heal whatever we need healing. Depending on our history, we respond to change in many ways. Generally, our human response to change is resistance. Rightly so, because change brings uncertainty and fear of the unknown, which can trigger anxiety and stress; as Humans, when we are not in control of the situation, it can leave us powerless. This powerlessness can be a space where grace can come into our lives. I am walking this path of transition with all of you. I am adapting to a new space, a new building, new people, a new church, and a different way of working. You are also finding ways to build a relationship with me. We are all navigating this transition together and I hope that we can learn to trust the process and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us. Let us unite in prayer, asking the Blessed Mother to comfort us with her mantle of peace. If we welcome change with love, what will it look like? *Fr. Jake*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024			WEEKLY IN THE PARISH
SATURDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00pm	Welfare of Jan Harman	
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
SUNDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> Fr William Donogue	
MONDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	For Kevin & Liam Collins	
TUESDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Gladys & John Lally RIP (Marie Marriott)	
WED 8 <sup>th</sup> May		<i>Priest will offer Mass privately</i>	
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD			
THURSDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	At St Margaret Clitherow School	
	12 noon	<b>St Justus:</b> Adanya Akenzoe RIP (Barry Weston)	
	8.00pm	<b>CC:</b> Elias Pavlidis RIP (Margaret Pavlidis)	
FRIDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	John Grill RIP (Margaret Peachey)	
SATURDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Peter Hendy RIP (Jamie Parkinson)	
	6.00pm	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)	
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
SUNDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> John O'Farrell RIP (Eileen Jennings)	
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish	
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Frank Hogan Snr RIP, Frank Hogan Jnr RIP (Jane Garrigan)	

**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

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> June** 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS (Group 1) SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June 12noon. (Group 2) SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> June 12noon.**

**MASS OF CONFIRMATION SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June 12noon**

**Bishop Paul Hendricks to preside.**

**BAPTISM:** Please speak to Father 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

### **CONFIRMATION 2024**

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT'S MEETING on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May in Corpus Christi at 8.00pm.**

[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.

**AN URGENT APPEAL FROM CAFOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF SUDAN** . There is a massive humanitarian crisis over 8 million have fled their homes to escape violence. More than 25 million need immediate emergency help. Fears of famine are growing. CAFOD are asking for urgent help to get humanitarian aid to the people of Sudan and CAFO have requested parishes to have a collection for for emergency help which will be next weekend 4th/5th May. You can also donate via their website. Thank you.

### 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

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**Gift -aid: Tony Mahoney**

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*Can I remind parishioners that cheques for the parish need*

**PARISH NOTICES THIS WEEKEND** Second collection for CAFOD Sudan emergency appeal.

**NEXT WEEKEND** is World Communications Day and there is a second collection to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishop's Conference of England & Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

**LADY CHAPEL UPDATE** – You may recall that last Autumn, we had extensive repair work done to the exterior back wall of the Chapel. It was the intention, once that area had dried out completely, to redecorate/reorder the interior this summer. However, with the departure of Father Saju it was felt that this should be deferred so that our new Parish Priest can be involved in the process. Consequently, we will discuss the plans with him once he has arrived in September and proceed from there. For the same reason, all other major works will be deferred, unless there are health and safety implications. Dave Swarbrick on behalf of the Premises Committee.

**PARISH COUNCIL AGM** is confirmed to take place on May 13th in Fisher Hall at 7.30pm. The Agenda and Nomination forms for the various societies are in the narthex of all three churches from this weekend onwards. Ken Marsh (Secretary)

**FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION** will be starting again this Saturday at 9.30am at Corpus Christi before 10am Mass. This will comprise the recitation of the rosary plus a few extra prayers as before. After Mass we will have the Holy Face Devotion as usual, but there will be an opportunity for confession and private prayer from 10.30 - 11am.

**MINUTES OF MEETING** held at St Peter's on 21<sup>st</sup> March regarding proposed renovations and improvements to the Chapel are available this weekend.

**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.

**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, Frank Moffatt and Brian Bayross .**HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time Brendan Gilliat-Smith, John McGuire, Mary Collins, Deacon Reg Grimmette, Suzanne Sothworth, Patricia Green, Anne-Marie Smith, Kenneth Brown and Ian Pingualt, may they rest in peace. Amen.