



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



Corpus Christi

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St. Justus

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St. Peter

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Baptism of the Lord. Today, we look at an adult Jesus. The child of the manger has grown to manhood and respectability, and reaches that place in life when He must embark on the Divine commission entrusted to Him by the Father. In preparation, He joins the candidates who have responded to John the Baptist in the Jordan River, submitting to baptism at his hands to wash away their sins. It is at that time and place that God reveals Him as His Son: «Then, while He was praying, the heavens opened: the Holy Spirit came down upon Him in the bodily form of a dove and a voice from Heaven was heard, “You are my Son, this day I have begotten you”» (Lk 3:21-22). It is just the preparatory stage of the Great Journey He is prepared to start off all the way to the Cross. It is the first public act of His ministry, and marks the divine manifestation of Him to the world as the promised Messiah.

Some people have been asking about the visiting priest who celebrates one of the Sunday Masses, its Fr Michael Sileshi, former parish priest of Kingston Hill. He is on a sabbatical finishing his doctorate and has no scheduled Sunday Mass, so has offered to help me out. Please make him welcome.

Many thanks

Fr Philip

MASS AND INTENTIONS 12th January 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SATURDAY 11 th Jan	6.00pm	Fr Jake Dicto RIP (Ken & Sue Marsh)
SUNDAY 12 th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: : For Patients, their families & staff at the Hospice in the Weald (Fiona Hodgson) For the People of the Parish
	10.00am	Charlotte Ford RIP (Alice Ford)
	12noon	St. Peter: Special Intentions Isabelle Parsons (Ingrid La Trobe)
MONDAY 13 th Jan	10.00am	Stanley, Sarah & Kevin Evans (Linda Pool) Mary & Gordon Collins RIP
TUESDAY 14 th Jan	10.00am	St Justus: Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston_)
WED 15 th Jan	10.00am	<i>Priest celebrates Mass privately.</i>
THURSDAY 16 th Jan	10.00am	Michael Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
FRIDAY 17 th Jan	10.00am	Barbara Hopper RIP (Hutton/Harrington families)
SATURDAY 18 th Jan	10.00am	Fr Jake Dicto RIP (Wieslawa Jesiolowska)
	6.00pm	Fr Jake Dicto RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OT (C)		
SUNDAY 19 th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: John snr, Molloie & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)
	10.00am	For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St Peter: Michael Debaecker RIP

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
SUNDAYS
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 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

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 – Stefano

Next meeting Saturday 11th January after 6.00pm Mass.

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)

Next meeting Saturday 25th January 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 Philip after Mass to join the Parent's Baptism Preparation session. Next session is Saturday 1st March 11.30am in the Fisher Hall. Once you have spoken to Father, please contact the Parish Office before you attend the session.

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

CONFIRMATION

tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk

RCIA If you are interested in the Roman Catholic Faith and would like to become a Catholic or need adult Sacraments, please speak to Father Philip.

FAMILY SUNDAYS Faith in the Family group meets on the 1st Sunday of the month. You 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. Contacts Isabel (07851062232) or Nick (07851609097)

FROM ALL AT ST VINCENT DE PAUL Thank you for your donations. Please continue to support our St Vincent de Paul collection box at the back of church. There is a great need for baby food, nappies and toiletries.

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE, PADDOCK WOOD Please continue with your donations in the New Year. Cash donations, Tesco & Waitrose vouchers are welcome.

PARISH FINANCE Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Parish for your generosity. For those eligible not registered for Gift Aid please do consider signing up so that your cash contributions to the Church can be increased by 25%. Please email or speak to Tony Mahoney for further information or use the QR code in the narthex to sign up electronically. Bank Transfer details are OFF for Offertories, ST for Mass Stipends, MT for Malawi Twin. For **Christmas Offerings** ref: Christmas Offerings or Fr. Philip. They will attract Gift Aid in the usual way for the Church for those who are registered. Thank you for your generosity.

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Sort Code 60-21-28 Account 71367780

Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531)

Gift Aid email:- tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk

Cheques for the Parish make payable to RCAS Tonbridge.

Weekend 4/5 January 2025 Offertories :-

Gift Aid £112.00 & Cash £244.01

Card Machine (December) £167.00

Bankers Order (December) £5,933.30

PARISH NOTICES

NEXT WEEKEND we have our annual White Flower Appeal given by Katherine Hampton after all Masses and a retiring collection. This collection goes towards the work of the SPUC.

PEMBURY LECTURES A reminder that the January Pembury lecture will be a week later than originally advertised. It will take place on 22nd January at 8pm (low mass at 7pm) when the speaker will be Dr Stephen Bullivant.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2025 are available from the parish office. £6.50. If you would like one please collect from the office and pay at the same time, they are not a Repository item.

PARISH TABLE TOP SALE on Saturday 15th February in St Justus Church Hall 9.00am-1.00pm. Stalls are £6 and are limited so please book early. Contact Joan 01892 838495.

ITEMS NEEDED for the above Table Top Sale. If you have any items in good condition that you no longer want, or unwanted Christmas gifts, please contact John Murphy who will collect. 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, Martyn Bowman and, John & Mary McNulty, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Gerard Jones, Gloria Gorringer and Tony & Rosemary Rowley. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Father Paddy, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time Michael Disandolo, John Knoth, Stella Walsh, Una Common, Vivienne Burrows, Mary Evans, Francis McCabe, Michael Fleming, Eirwen Rowland, Alex Chauvin, Elizabeth Jenner and Daniel Henry.