



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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Today 500 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, more than 28 of these will be children. Leprosy is a disease that affects the nerve endings in the hands and feet and can affect the blink reflex of the eyelids. If not treated early enough it can cause life-changing disabilities and even blindness. One-in-two people diagnosed with leprosy suffer moderate to severe depression and anxiety due to the prejudice and discrimination associated with the disease. Evidence shows over 3 million people

are living with undiagnosed leprosy. Over 4 million people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy. But it is curable! 2024 was Lepra's Centenary Year and for over 100 years Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes. Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice wherever it exists, to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable healthcare in partnership with local communities for a future free from the terrible impact of the disease. To read some real-life stories of some of the beneficiaries whose lives have been changed through the work of Lepra, please visit www.lepra.org.uk. With your help we can find, diagnose and treat more people affected by leprosy so that they will have a brighter future, full of hope. If you would like further information, please contact LauriceJ@lepra.org.uk

NEXT SATURDAY/ SUNDAY IS WORLD LEPROSY DAY. NEXT WEEKEND WE HAVE A RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THEIR WORK.

There is a Lepra's Faith Appeal Video on their website.

| MASS AND INTENTIONS 19 th January 2025 | | |
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| SECOND SUNDAY OT (C) | | |
| SATURDAY 18 th Jan | 6.00pm | Fr Jake Dicto RIP |
| SUNDAY 19 th Jan | 8.30am | St Justus: John snr, Mollie & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup) |
| | 10.00am | For the People of the Parish |
| | 12noon | St. Peter: Michael Debaecker RIP |
| MONDAY 20 th Jan | 10.00am | Brian Wilkins RIP (Martina & family) |
| | 12noon | Requiem Mass for Carol Mappley |
| TUESDAY 21 st Jan | 10.00am | St Justus: Anne Baker RIP (Chris Norris) Helen Francis RIP 3 rd Anniversary (The Family) |
| WED 22 nd Jan | 10.00am | <i>Priest celebrates Mass privately.</i> |
| THURSDAY 23 rd Jan | 10.00am | Deceased members of the Smallcombe & Pead families |
| FRIDAY 24 th Jan | 10.00am | Bernard Winters & his relatives |
| SATURDAY 25 th Jan | 10.00am | Special Intentions Frances Hirst |
| | 6.00pm | Marian Barlow RIP (Mary Wand) |
| THIRD SUNDAY OT (C) | | |
| SUNDAY 26 th Jan | 8.30am | St Justus: Don Covell RIP (David Covell) |
| | 10.00am | Welfare of Derek Newlands (Jacqui & Charles Newlands) |
| | 12noon | St Peter: 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 SUNDAYS HOLY FACE DEVOTION AT 10.30AM SATS AND 1ST TUES AT ST. JUSTUS

+ REQUIEM MASS FOR MICHAEL FRANCIS IS ON FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY AT 11.30am IN 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 meetings Saturdays 25/01/, 08/02, 08.03 08 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.

ITEMS NEEDED for the Parish 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

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. Thank you for your generosity.

Account name RCAS Tonbridge

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 made payable to RCAS Tonbridge.

Weekend 11/12 January 2025

Offertories :- Gift Aid £145 & Cash £353.18

Card Machine (December) £167.00

Bankers Order (December) £5,933.30

PARISH NOTICES

THIS 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.

NEXT WEEKEND there is retiring collection for the work of Lepira. They do not have speakers to go to parishes to make their Appeals so all the information relating to this collection is on front of this newsletter.

CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL GROUP - The next meeting is on Tuesday, 28th January at 10.00am for coffee & chat in Fisher Hall. This is followed by a talk by George Bushell on The History of Tonbridge and the Floods. All welcome.

SALUT-Malawi will be hosting a presentation at 2pm on Saturday 25 January in the Fisher Hall for all their supporters to discuss the new collaboration with Starfish Malawi. All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be available. Please contact Jacqui Nunes for more information - salutmalawi@gmail.com.

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.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Ewart Beardshaw, 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 fall at this time Peter Mellish, John Ashton, Nicholas Conway, Pauline Entwistle, Colin Jenner, Ronald Forté, John Martin, Joan Critten, Kathleen Martin, William Mitchell, Iris Hayes, Maureen Humphrey, Helen Francis and Marian Barlow.