



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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This weekend we welcome Fr Linus Clovis, he will be preaching at all the Masses.

Gospel Reflection.

On this third Sunday of ordinary time, we rejoice in the Good News of Salvation. This good news brings us together as the people of God and enables us to work for the kingdom of God. Christ himself is this Good News that brings us salvation. So, the church invites us to listen to the Good News and meditate on it in our hearts. In our first reading, after the people had worked together to achieve their goal and freedom, Nehemiah gathered them and read the good news to them. After listening and meditating on the word of God, the people echoed, "Amen!" In our second reading today, through his letter to the Corinthians, Paul encourages us to remain united and work together as one body of Christ. To achieve this, everyone must be considered important. There must be reconciliation, understanding, truthfulness, and respect for one another. In today's gospel, Luke narrates his own "solid and ordered account" of the events about Christ. His audience is "Theophilus." This Greek name simply means "lover or seeker of God."

Today, Jesus presents to us his program of evangelization. His program is the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 61: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour." This prophecy was made eight centuries before the birth of Christ. This was when the Israelites lived in slavery and misery in exile.

Hence, Isaiah's prophecy was a call to liberation. So, by using these same words as the basis of his ministry and mission, Christ announces His reign of peace, justice, freedom, and love to all those suffering from all kinds of oppression and injustice.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 26th January 2025			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
THIRD SUNDAY OT (C)			
SATURDAY 25 th Jan	6.00pm	Marian Barlow RIP (Mary Wand)	
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	
MONDAY 27 th Jan	10.00am	Mary Kinsella	
TUESDAY 28 th Jan	10.00am	St Justus: Eli Norris RIP (Chris Norris)	
WED 29 th Jan	10.00am	<i>Priest celebrates Mass privately.</i>	
THURSDAY 30 th Jan	10.00am	Sarah Gilliat-Smith RIP (Lucy Langridge)	
FRIDAY 31 st Jan	10.00am	Julie Amos RIP (David Amos)	
SATURDAY 1 st Feb	10.00am	Mary Kieley RIP (Liam Collins)	
	6.00pm	Special Intentions Terence & Bridie O'Hare (Maura Branch) Marc Woollett RIP (The Family)	
	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas)		
SUNDAY 2 nd Feb	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	Mary Bradley RIP (Page family)	
	12noon	For the People of the Parish	

+ 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Henry Scott-Stewart who was baptized last weekend and to his parents and God-parents

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. Thank you for your generosity.

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Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531)

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Cheques for the Parish made payable to RCAS Tonbridge.

Weekend 18/19 January 2025

Offertories :- Gift Aid £128 & Cash £419.47

Card Machine (December) £167.00

Bankers Order (December) £5,933.30.

PARISH NOTICES

THIS WEEKEND There is retiring collection for the work of Lepira. They do not have speakers to go to parishes to make their Appeals. There is a Lepira's Faith Appeal Video on their website www.lepra.org.uk.

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.

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 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

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 Marc Woollett, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this Anne Flynn, Thomas Boyle, Terence Diegan, Philip Canning, Doris Jones, Kitty Long & Sarah Gilliat-Smith.