



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



Corpus Christi

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St. Justus

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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In his annual Christmas message, Archbishop John Wilson said: “The beautiful truth of Christmas is that because of God in Christ we are never lost. God chose to be near us, to stay close to us always, to draw us to himself, always. In his endless mercy, the Lord Jesus chose to love us, so we could know and believe that “God is love” (1 John 4:16). In turn, all the Lord Jesus asks of us is to not be afraid and to say yes to him, to draw close to him, to love him”. You can watch and read the full message at rcaos.org.uk/christmasmessage2025.

THANK YOU for all our cards and presents, your kindness is much appreciated.
We wish you all a happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Fr Philip & Father Bibin



MASS AND INTENTIONS 21st December 2025		
SATURDAY 20 th Dec	12noon 6.00pm	St Justus: Advent Penitential Service Leonora Almeida RIP (Almeida family)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)		
SUNDAY 21 st Dec	8.30am	St Justus: Keith & Ann Viner RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Francis X Coutinho RIP (Coutinho family)
	12noon	St Peter: Alan Jarek RIP (Eugenia Jarek) For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 22 nd Dec	10.00am	Special Intentions Fr Saju (Tina Kirk)
TUESDAY 23 rd Dec	10.00am	St Justus: Noelle & Ivan March RIP (Tina Kirk)
THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY		
WED 24 th Dec	6.00pm	CC Max Almeida RIP (Almeida Family)
	5.30pm	St Justus: Carols followed by Mass.
	6.00pm	St Justus: Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	9.30pm	CC Carols followed by Mass
	10.00pm	Private Intentions
MASS DURING THE NIGHT		
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
THURSDAY 25 th Dec	8.30am	St Justus: Helen & Michael Francis RIP (Helen Stone)
	10.00am	Fr Denis Chitite RIP (Almeida family)
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish
ST STEPHEN, DEACON, THE FIRST MARTYR		
FRIDAY 26 th Dec	10.00am	Marguerite Simo & Fidele Nguenkam (Nguenkam family)
ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (AM)		
SATURDAY 27 th Dec	10.00am	John Halter RIP (Margaret Halter)
	6.00pm	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH		
SUNDAY 28 th Dec	8.30am	St Justus: For the People of the Parish
	10.00am	Tony Cronin RIP & for the consolation of Brenda & family (Elaine Slattery)
	12noon	St Peter: For the welfare of Richard Shaw & God's blessings. (Jacqui Shaw)

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 &
SUN. FIRST SATURDAY
DEVOTION
CHERUBS
IN THE HALL BEFORE
10AM MASS ON
SUNDAYS
HOLY FACE DEVOTION
AT 10.30AM SATS AND
1ST TUES AT ST. JUSTUS
ROSARY AT ST JUSTUS
ON TUESDAYS 9.20 AM

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 after Saturday 6.00pm Mass- Stefano. Next meeting dates 13th Dec

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The Lifeboat, parish bereavement support: these supportive monthly sessions for the bereaved of the parish will re-commence after Christmas. If help is needed please contact the parish office who will pass on calls to Isabelle and Sheila.

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

BAPTISM: Please speak to Father Philip after Mass to join the Parent's Baptism Preparation session. Once you have spoken to Father, please contact the Parish Office for details to attend the session.

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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)

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE, PADDOCK WOOD have a Christmas Wish List, please see parish noticeboards Donations can be left in the Narthex at St Justus. If you'd prefer, here are the details for an online bank transfer: Community Storehouse, HSBC Bank Sort code: 40-36-35Acc No: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member. Waitrose and Tesco gift cards are welcome as an alternative.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL are extremely grateful for your past support. We are renewing our appeal for large size nappies, baby food, sanitary wear, soap and other toiletries. As our donations go to a school please DO NOT donate anything that is PERISHABLE! Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 23rd December – Friday 2nd January (incl).

For urgent matters please contact Father Philip direct

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Mass Intention requests hall bookings will not be dealt with during this period. Jan is back in the office on Monday 5th Januarv. if anyone needs to contact her.

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. MT Christmas. 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

Weekend 13/14 December Offertories:-

Gift Aid Envelopes:- £231.00 Cash:- £439.70

Card Machine (Nov): £427.00

SO Online (Nov): £6,136.00

PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Your Christmas Offerings are your personal gift to your parish priests. Our priests do not receive a salary so their main source of income comes from the Christmas Day & Easter Day collections and Mass offerings. Please bear in mind that we now have two priests looking after our parish so please can everyone be doubly generous. Your Christmas Offerings can be Gift Aided with the Gift Aid going to the Church (not the priest) so please do Gift Aid your Christmas Offerings if possible.

ST JUSTUS Sunday. There is a baptism & Reception into the Church of Daniel & Declan so Mass will last a big longer! Congratulations to them both and their families.

HOLY FACE DEVOTION there will be no prayer meeting on Saturday 27th December. There will be a change to the usual time for 1st Tuesday, on 6th January at St. Justus.' As that day will be the Feast of the Epiphany, Mass at St. Justus' will be at 12 noon, therefore Rosary and Holy Face Devotion will start at 11am. Please do come early and join in on this special feast day.

CHERUBS are now finished for the Christmas break and will resume Sunday 11th January.

THANK YOU for all your Christmas wishes. I wish you all a very happy, blessed & peaceful Christmas. Jan - Parish Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Martyn Bowman, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Gloria Gorringer, Christi Morgan, Rena Pope, Rosemary Rowley. And James Stone. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Henry O'Dowd, Wayne Smith, Eva Bridges, Michael Warner, Lucy Langridge, Josephine Diegan, William Jolley, Rowley Leigh, Veronica Devine, Doreen Cox, Nancy Sequiera, John Winter, Vincent Almeida, Gregory Hooper, Patricia Fordyce, Carole Mappley, David Croucher and Michael Francis.