



# 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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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)** This weekend we celebrate our Christmas carol service with the staff and children of St Margaret Clitherow school. Do come along on Sunday at 3.30pm in Corpus Christi church.

The Lady Altar renovation has started, which so far has brightened up the area, hopefully it should be finished by next weekend.

Next weekend in Corpus Christi church, there will be mince pies and mulled wine after each Mass in the Hall.

**Gospel Reflection** John the Baptist is a powerful image placed before us every Advent. We might want to say John the Baptist preparing for Christ is our model during Advent. In the Gospel today (Matt 3:1-12), John announces judgment, and next Sunday's Gospel tells us of Jesus bringing salvation. John's first word announces his theme: "Repent." In other words, John asks his listeners to turn their minds and hearts away from whatever they had as their goal and look only to God. The reason is because "the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matt 3:2) In other words, Jesus the Messiah has already arrived. Everything about John shows that he himself had turned away from everything to look only to God. He had nothing in the desert; he only had a garment of camel hair and whatever food he could find in the desert. John is living the very message he proclaims: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Because John is obviously radiating God's word, as we heard, Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going to John. *Fr Philip*

### MASS AND INTENTIONS 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

SATURDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00pm	Marian Barlow RIP (Mary Wand)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)</b>		
SUNDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Eddie Lobo RIP (Almeida family)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish Special Intentions Spencer & Ekaterina (Christian Slawek)
<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>		
MONDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Simon Presnell RIP (Suzanne McGoldrick)
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>CC:</b> Sebastian & Lindalva Torturello RIP: God's blessings on Thomas & Gabrielle Sellen (Leila Sellen)
TUESDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Florentino Albasin RIP (Simplicia Ramm)
WED 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Ellen & Ernest Presnell RIP (Suzanne McGoldrick)
FRIDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Marie May RIP (Terence May)
		For the Defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill (T Fleming)
SATURDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Rick Stead RIP (Amy Stead)
	6.00pm	John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A) (Gaudete)</b>		
SUNDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> John Snr, Mollie & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta)
	10.00am	Patricia Fleming RIP & Lucy Cziraki RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Deceased friends & relatives of the Smallcombe & Pead families, (Jean & John Smallcombe. 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 &**  
**SUN. FIRST SATURDAY**  
**DEVOTION**  
**CHERUBS**  
**IN THE HALL BEFORE**  
**10AM MASS ON**  
**SUNDAYS**  
**HOLY FACE DEVOTION**  
**AT 10.30AM SATS AND**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> TUES AT ST. JUSTUS**  
**ROSARY AT ST JUSTUS**  
**ON TUESDAYS 9.20 AM**

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

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**CONFIRMATION** [tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** [tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridge@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)

**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.

**FAMILY SUNDAY** Sunday 7th Dec - All families welcome in the hall after Mass. There'll be tea, biscuits and a family Advent craft activity.

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE, CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm**

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE, CORPUS CHRISTI MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm**

**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 Solar. 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](mailto:tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk)

Weekend 29/30 November 2025 Offertories:- Gift Aid Envelopes:- £187.00 Cash:- £421.33 Card Machine (Nov): £427.00 SO Online (Nov): £6,136.00 St Justus Bazaar £1,055.00 Corpus Christi Bazaar £3,648.48

### PARISH NOTICES

**NEXT WEEKEND** Following Saturday pm Mass there will be Mulled Wine & Mince Pies in the Hall. Sunday 10.00am after Mass there will be Mulled Wine & Mince Pies in the hall. Do come along and enjoy the pre-Christmas get together

**CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL MORNING** - The next meeting is on Tuesday, 16th December at 10.00am in Fisher Hall for Mince pies and Mulled wine. There will be a raffle. All welcome.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the recent Corpus Christi Bazaar such a successful occasion. It was very well attended and raised a total of £3,650 for the Church. A special thank you goes to the stall holders, the parishioners who provided such a delicious range of international street food, the kitchen crew who worked incredibly hard, and all who provided donations, baked cakes or helped on the day in any way. Thank you also to everyone who supported the Bazaar by coming along on the day, despite the rain, and making it a joyful community event. We are always looking to improve and would love to hear your feedback or suggestions for next year. Just let any member of the team know!

**ST PETER'S ADVENT FILM NIGHT**, Friday 12th December at 6.30pm. We will be showing the film "The Nativity Story" at our next Social evening. £3 each, to include seasonal refreshments. There are 24 tickets available, so do let us know if you'd like to come along. Sign up at St Peter's or ring/message Isabelle on 07873 9523423.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES SHEETS** are available. Please take one and keep handy to keep abreast of the times of the Advent & Christmas services.

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 Robert Elks, Jack Newbould, Marie Wiseman, Amelia MacDonald, Patricia Fleming & Alan Jarek.