



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



## Corpus Christi

41 Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge  
TN9 1EY

## St. Justus

Mount Pleasant, Paddock Wood  
TN12 6AG

## St. Peter

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TN11 0HR

ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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**Today's Gospel** passage recounts the miraculous catch of fish by Jesus' first disciples. The successful catch is the result of Peter placing his trust in the words of Jesus, to "let down the nets," even after a futile night of fishing, and trusting that great things will happen. And they do. Despite everything, including Peter's long experience as a good fisherman, he nonetheless does what the Master instructs, and the outcome is huge success. An initially hopeless prospect—hours already spent in unsuccessful fishing—is strikingly contrasted with the amazing catch. Is this Gospel text primary about catching fish? In fact, it is more about the transformation that comes in surrendering totally to Jesus, as did Peter. What Jesus wished to emphasize to Peter and his companions, is that they will be "fishers of men," which is symbolized by the enormous amount of fish they catch under Jesus' command. The really important miracle that takes place in the story of the abundant catch of fish, is the change that takes place Peter through his obedience to Jesus, who is Lord of all and Head of the Church. An important message of Jesus to Peter is "do not be afraid." These are the same words Jesus uses after his Resurrection, to assure his followers that he is Saviour of all, who promises the consolation of God's Holy Spirit to all who put their trust in God. Just as Peter drew fish out of the water, so everyone who is baptized into Christ is brought out from the water to new life, on solid ground, namely as members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

Belonging to Christ means for each of us peace, security, rest, fulfilment, in a life that is under God's watchful care and that extends even to life beyond our present existence. At some point all of us will pass from time to eternity. How do we prepare well for that event? *Fr Philip*

### MASS AND INTENTIONS 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OT (C)

SATURDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	6.00pm	Welfare of Bob King (Maura Branch)
SUNDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Intentions Chris & Penny Norris (Chris Norris)
	10.00am	Charles Nicholls Intentions (Lisa Nicholls)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> Welfare of Richard Shaw (Jacqui Shaw) For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Mary Kieley RIP (David Burford)
TUESDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
WED 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	<i>Priest celebrates Mass privately.</i>
THURSDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Margaret Duddy RIP (Patrick Duddy) Fr John Chatterton RIP
<b>SAINTS CYRIL, MONK AND METHODIUS, BISHOP PATRONS OF EUROPE</b>		
FRIDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Irene & Ivan Amos RIP (David Amos)
SATURDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10.00am	Lucy Cziraki RIP (T Fleming)
	6.00pm	John & Martin and deceased members of the Moore family (Margaret Constable)
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OT (C)</b>		
SUNDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Margaret Isard RIP (Pat Hook)
	10.00am	God's Blessings on Cuthbert & Ndina (David Burford)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Fr James Walsh

**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**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> 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 meetings Saturdays 08/02, 08/03, 22/03 after 6.00pm Mass.

**'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)**  
Next meeting Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:tonbridgeconfirmation@rcaos.org.uk)

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

[tonbridgecatechist@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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.

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**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.

**FATHER PADDY'S FUNERAL IS ON FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am in St Augustine Church, Tunbridge Wells.**

**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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**Cheques for the Parish made payable to RCAS Tonbridge. Weekend 1/2 February 2025**

**Offertories :- Gift Aid £201.00 & Cash £296.75**

**LEPRA Collection: £486.30**

**Card Machine (January) £194.00**

**Bankers Order (January) £5,868,30**

### PARISH NOTICES

**THIS WEEKEND NO second collection**

**NEXT WEEKEND** Sunday is Racial Justice Day and there is a second collection (optional) which supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

**NEXT WEEKEND** Isabelle will be giving a talk about the parish 'Lifeboat' Bereavement Group after all Masses.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on Monday 10th February at 7.30pm in the Fisher Hall.

**FISHER HALL** There are a number of clothing items in the ladies toilet. If they belong to you please take them away if not items will be disposed of!

**ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB** meeting on Friday 14th February, at 7pm. This month we are holding an Italian evening; bring an Italian dish and share a meal. We hope to learn a little of the language and enjoy some Italian music too. More details from Annemarie at Sunday Mass, or Isabelle on 07873 953423. All welcome; do let us know if you need a lift and we'll try to arrange one.

**PARISH TABLE TOP SALE** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

**ST JUSTUS** are becoming short of people to clean the church. If you are able to help please see Pat Hook.

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, Mary McNulty, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Gerard Jones, Gloria Gorringer, Christi Morgan and Tony & Rosemary Rowley. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially John McNulty and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Isabelle Shaw, Una Common, Mary Clayton, John Crowley, Doris Stevens, Mary Moore, Vincenzo Argento, Clifford Williams & Daniel Henry.