



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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As Peter, James and John saw Jesus' divinity revealed, their attitudes to Jesus must have been transformed just as they saw Jesus was transformed. We could say that is what Lent is all about, transforming ourselves and our attitudes so that we can see Jesus more clearly. During this season of Lent we examine our lives to see where we stand before God and each other. The Collect for Mass today expresses beautifully our hopes for Lent to our heavenly Father, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. On behalf of all, I prayed that our hearts would be open, that we be freed from darkness, and have our sight restored. It is really a prayer that we be transformed during Lent. I think we can see this call to transformation also in the Scripture readings we heard proclaimed today. In the first reading, Abram is promised the land by God (Gen 15:18). But when we move to the New Covenant, we see that there is no emphasis at all on land. There is a new vision with the arrival of Jesus and all previous values have to be re-evaluated. Many times in the Gospel of Matthew Jesus said, "You have heard it said...but I say to you..." (Matt 5) Instead of inheriting land, in the New Testament the emphasis is on the kingdom of God. In the New Covenant, the land to be inherited is heaven (Heb 11:16). Just as the Hebrews were enslaved in Egypt and crossed the sea during the exodus to freedom, we were in sin and crossed the sea when we were baptized. The Hebrews wandered for forty years in the desert and then entered the Promised Land; we live here and then look forward to meeting God. So much of what happened in the Old Covenant is now seen as a sign or symbol to teach us about the spiritual life and our journey to God (see 1 Cor 10:6). Fighting for the land of Israel is something we see in the Old Testament. We have moved on now from thinking about a geographical territory and in the New Covenant the land to be concerned about is inheriting heaven (Heb 11:16). Lent is a time to see with new eyes. *Fr Philip*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 16th March 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

SATURDAY 15 th Mar	6.00pm	Ernest & Ann Sharp RIP (Georgina & Gordon Cuthbertson)
SUNDAY 16 th Mar	8.30am	St Justus: Thomas & Margaret Isard RIP
	10.00am	Theresa Coutinho RIP (Coutinho family)
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP, PATRON OF IRELAND		
MONDAY 17 th Mar	10.00am	Marian Barlow RIP (Maura Branch)
TUESDAY 18 th Mar	10.00am	St Justus: Catherine & peter Harvey and their 13 children RIP (Marie Marriott)
	10.30am	Stations of the Cross
SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
WED 19 th Mar	10.00am	Corpus Christi: For the People of the Parish
	10.00am	St Peter: Stations of the Cross
THURSDAY 20 th Mar	10.00am	Intentions Margaret Pavlidis & family (Maura Branch)
FRIDAY 21 st Mar	10.00am	Felix Almeida RIP (Almeida family)
	7.30pm	Corpus Christi: Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 22 nd Mar	10.00am	Tony & Maria Chainey RIP (Catherine Collins)
	6.00pm	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)		
SUNDAY 23 rd Mar	8.30am	St Justus: Bernard & Valerie Smith RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Nicholas Rafferty RIP (Jean Rafferty)
	12noon	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
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS - CORPUS
CHRISTI 7.30pm
TUESDAYS - ST JUSTUS
10.30am
WEDS – ST PETER
10.00am

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 08/03, 22/03, 05/04 after 6.00pm Mass.

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)
Next meeting Saturday 29th March 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. Once you have spoken to Father, please contact the Parish Office for details to attend the session.

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

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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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.

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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.

ROME PILGRIMAGE 2025 (29th September to 5th October)

There will be a meeting for pilgrims and potential pilgrims on Saturday 22nd March at 12 midday in the church, to discuss the pilgrimage and answer any questions you may have concerning it. A St Peter pilgrimages representative will be present.

The Late Mary Claire Burrough was a parishioner here for many years until she moved away. Her Requiem Mass is on Thursday 3rd April at 12noon at St Theresa RC Church, Ashford TN24 8TX

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 08/09 March 2025

Offertories :- Gift Aid £253 & Cash £379.15

Last week:- Gift Aid £144.00 & Cash £500.64

2nd Collection (Retired Clergy Fund) £765.94

Card Machine (February) £224.00

Bankers Order (February) £6018.30

PARISH NOTICES

THIS WEEKEND There is a second collection for the work of CAFOD. Please put your Family Fast Day envelopes in that collection. (You will need to fold your envelopes) Paul Whittle will be talking after Sunday Mass at St Justus about the work of CAFOD.

NEXT WEEKEND there is a diocesan second collection for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

NEXT WEEKEND there is a National Collection for the National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham for the Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope.

NEXT SUNDAY 10.00am Mass there is Church Parade for the Uniformed Groups.

FIRE DRILL due to take place next weekend at Corpus Christi has had to be postponed to later in the year.

CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL GROUP - The next meeting is on Tuesday, 25th March at 10.00am for coffee & chat in Fisher Hall. This is followed by a talk by Catherine Collins on Music Therapy. All welcome.

STAY AND PLAY GROUP EQUIPMENT SALE on Sunday 16th March straight after the 10am mass. Please bring along cash if you would like to purchase any good second hand toys. The sale will be from 11am until 1pm.

HELP NEEDED for St Justus May Fair on Saturday 17th May. If you are able to help, please contact Joan, Betty or Lillian.

ITEMS NEEDED for the next Parish Table Top Sale at Justus. If you have any items in good condition that you no longer want, please contact John Murphy who will collect. 01892 836854

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Sally Little, 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, Sally Little, Mathew Gilliat-Smith and Tony & Rosemary Rowley. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, especially Mary Clare Burrough, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Dorothy Giles, Susan Connolly, Doreen Martin, Penelope Flavin, Josephine Smith, Marlis Pratt and Monique Spice.