

ONE PARISH

Corpus Christi

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Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday, the Beginning of Lent:

The time has now come in the Church year for the solemn observance of the great central act of history, the redemption of the human race by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In the Roman Rite, the beginning of the forty days of penance is marked with the austere symbol of ashes which is used in today's liturgy. The use of ashes is a survival from an ancient rite according to which converted sinners submitted themselves to canonical penance. The Alleluia and the Gloria are suppressed until Easter. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the laws regarding abstinence and fasting are as follows:

Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent. This applies to all persons 14 years of age and older.

Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday applies to all Catholics who have completed their eighteenth year to the beginning of their sixtieth year. A person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Fr Philip

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT

TUESDAYS DURING LENT WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT - ST PETER's

- CORPUS CHRISTI 7.30pm - ST JUSTUS 10.30am 10.00am

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME. 29th SEPTEMBER TO 5th OCTOBER 2025 PRICE £1690 Information is available at the back of the church. Please see Father Philip for application forms.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 2 nd March 2025			WEEKLY IN THE PARISH
EIGHTH SUNDAY OT (C)			MORNING PRAYER
SATURDAY 1 st Mar	6.00pm	Eddie & Mary McGettican & family (Sean & Annie)	CORPUS CHRISTI MON AT 9.40 AM
SUNDAY 2 nd Mar	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	CHRISTIAN
	10.00am	Austin Dunne RIP (Anne Dunne)	MEDITATION
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish	AT CORPUS CHRISTI
			TUE 6.30 PM -7.00 PM.
MONDAY 3 rd Mar	10.00am	Intentions Mary Wand (Liam Collins)	ADORATION AT CORPUS CHRISTI
		Special Intentions Eryk Kulak (Kulak Family)	THURSDAYS AFTER
TUESDAY 4 th Mar	10.00am	St Justus: In Honour of the Holy Face of Jesus (Jacqui Shaw)	10.30AM -10PM
	ASH WEDNESDAY		
WED 5 th Mar	10.00am	Corpus Christi: Holy Souls (Liam Collins)	AT CORPUS CHRISTI 9.30 AM
	12 noon	St Justus: Mary Warne RIP (Vivienne Bowman)	ON THUR, FRI & SAT
THURSDAY 6 th Mar	10.00am	Liam Clyde RIP (Patrick Duddy)	CHERUBS
	1		IN THE HALL BEFORE
FRIDAY 7 th Mar	10.00am	Special Intentions David Burford (Tina Kirk)	10AM MASS ON
	7.30pm	Corpus Christi: Stations of the Cross	SUNDAYS
	10.00pm	Corpus Christi: All Night Vigil	HOLY FACE DEVOTION AT 10.30AM SATS AND
SATURDAY 8 th Mar	10.00am	lain Parkinson RIP (Jamie Parkinson)	1 ST TUES AT ST. JUSTUS
	6.00pm	George & Lucy RIP (Liji George)	
		FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)	
SUNDAY 9 th Mar	8.30am	St Justus: Brian Murphy RIP (Vivienne Bowman)	
	10.00am	Dorothy Humphreys RIP Peter Young RIP (Tony & Beverley	
		Thorne)	
		For the People of the Parish	
	12noon	St Peter: Special Intentions Isabelle Parsons (Ingrid La	
		Trobe)	

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 after 6.00pm Mass. **'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)** Next meeting Saturday 22nd 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 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 Carter Osman, Nadiya Lowe & Alana Lux who were baptized last weekend and to their parents and Godparents.

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 There is a meeting for parents in the Fisher Hall at 8pm on Monday 3rd March at 8pm 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.

THE DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS The primary purpose of the devotion is to make reparation for sins against the First Three Commandments: Denial of God, Blasphemy and the Profanation of Sundays. Jesus urged this Work of Reparation to be spread to every town and lamented any that did not, such is the power of this devotion against evil. Blessed Maria Pierina de Michelli of the **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.

Account name RCAS Tonbridge Sort Code 60-21-28 Account 71367780 Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531)

Gift Aid email:- <u>Tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk</u> Cheques for the Parish made payable to RCAS Tonbridge. Weekend 22/23 February 2025 Offertories :- Gift Aid £158.00 & Cash £357.98 2nd Collection (Retired Clergy Fund) £595.94 St Justus Table Top sale £421.89 Card Machine (January) £194.00

PARISH NOTICES

NEXT WEEKEND Paul Whittle will be speaking after all Masses about the work of CAFOD and giving out the Family Fast Day envelopes which is on Friday 14th March. There is a second collection for CAFOD on 15th/16th March, please put your envelopes in that collection.

STAY AND PLAY GROUP EQIPMENT 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 . This will be advertised to outside groups too so please spread the word . The sale will be from 11am until 1pm . Many thanks Tina Kirk.

SALUT-MALAWI will be collecting donations of underwear for girls (especially for ages 11 to 15) and women and bars of soap at the Fisher Hall, 2pm - 4pm, Saturday 15 March 2025. Donations of children's summer clothes will also be accepted. There will be a display of our work and all are welcome to stay for tea, coffee and cake. For more information, email salutmalawi@gmail.com

or visit https://starfishmalawi.com/our-projects

PETITION ASSISTED DYING BILL There are petition forms at the back of the churches if you would like to add your name. The QR Code is on the forms.

THE DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS cont'd Daughters of the Immaculate Conception in the 20th century to whom Jesus and Mary appeared, asked for Devotion to His Holy Face in reparation for the insults He suffered in His Passion and for the sacrileges committed against the Holy Eucharist. Email Jacqui Shaw for more information: jacquimshaw@yahoo.co.uk

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 Gorringe, Christi Morgan, Mathew Gilliat-Smith and Tony & Rosemary Rowley. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Stephen Coker and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Howard Murphy, David Hoey, John Brennan, Arlette Remhof, Andrew O'Hare, Austin Dunne, Simon Lawrence, Jim Scahill, Mary Boden, Annie Wilson, Kathleen Faulks and Stephen Cole.