



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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Gospel reflection. Jesus never condemned people for their sin. For example, you may recall the story of the woman caught in adultery. When she was brought before Him, He did not condemn her, but told her to go and sin no more. He also said to the people "**Let the one among you who is guiltless be the first to throw a stone at her... You judge by human standards; I judge no one**", John (8:7, 15). Yes. Through parables and stories Jesus taught his listeners a moral or spiritual lesson.

In this parable the orchard is the world. The owner is God. Each tree in this orchard represents a Christian believer or a community. The gardener is of course Jesus - the owner's servant and son. A barren tree is a believer whose life has been unproductive despite knowing about Jesus and taking all the nutrients from Him but giving nothing back in return. Some expositors refer the three years the owner gave to the tree to bear fruit to the three years of Jesus' public ministry during which He called people to repent and believe in His gospel. Some scholars point to God's successive calls to Israel by the Law, the prophets and Christ. Some others say that the number three represents completeness - so a period of full opportunity is given to the tree to become fruitful and productive. In other words, God's purpose is to ensure that every tree in the orchard becomes fruitful. *Fr Philip*

Third of Our Lenten Talks Monday 24th March at 7pm, Canon Luke Smith, vicar for priests in Southwark diocese.

| MASS AND INTENTIONS 23 rd March 2025 | | |
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| THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C) | | |
| SATURDAY 22 nd Mar | 6.00pm | Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch) |
| SUNDAY 23 rd Mar | 8.30am | St Justus: Bernard & Valerie Smith RIP (Barry Weston) |
| | 10.00am | Nicholas Rafferty RIP (Jean Rafferty) |
| | 12noon | St. Peter: For the People of the Parish |
| MONDAY 24 th Mar | 10.00am | Edith Campbell RIP (Frances Hirst) |
| THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD | | |
| TUESDAY 25 th Mar | 10.00am | St Justus: Michael Francis RIP (Liam Collins) |
| | 10.30am | Stations of the Cross |
| WED 26 th Mar | | <i>Priest celebrates Mass privately</i> |
| | 10.00am | St Peter: Stations of the Cross |
| THURSDAY 27 th Mar | 10.00am | Eileen & John Swarbrick RIP (Dave Swarbrick) |
| FRIDAY 28 th Mar | 10.00am | Welfare of Tony Mahoney (Liam Collins) |
| | 7.30pm | Corpus Christi: Stations of the Cross |
| SATURDAY 29 th Mar | 10.00am | Lionel Bernard Neame |
| | 6.00pm | Intentions Jones family (Anne Jones) |
| FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) LAETARE | | |
| SUNDAY 30 th Mar | 8.30am | St Justus: Wellbeing of the Weston family (Barry Weston) |
| | 10.00am | For the Choir and their families (Catherine Collins) |
| | 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 22/03, 05/04, 03/05 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.

PARISH LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE at CC on Monday 7th April 7.00pm.

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.

CHERUBS Helpers are now very few so an appeal will be given this weekend for helpers. Contact details will be given in the appeal.

A BIG SALUT thank you to all those who donated at our collection last Saturday. We packed 19 boxes of soap and underwear. Please continue to place your donations in the box in the Narthex. Our next collection will be on Saturday 26 April at the Fisher Hall.

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 15/16 March 2025

Offertories :- Gift Aid £187 & Cash £276.54

CAFOD Fast Day £1054.72

Card Machine (February) £224.00

Bankers Order (February) £6018.30

PARISH NOTICES

THIS 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.

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

TODAY there is Church Parade at 10.00am Mass for the Uniformed Groups.

NEXT WEEKEND There is a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Missionary Society of St Paul and we have a Missionary Priest staying with us over the weekend to celebrate the Masses.

READERS ON ROTAS AT CORPUS CHRISTI Holy Week & Easter sign up lists are in the Narthex. Please sign up if you are able to read at any of the services as soon as you are able to commit. The lists need to be prepared well in advance of Holy Week. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS (Corpus Christi) Please sign up on the list in the Sacristy for the services that you will be able to serve for Holy Week and Easter.

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.

HALL USERS Do not use the large sink in the kitchen as the tap unit is unsteady, please use the small sink. It is being attended to but it is more involved than first thought!

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

NB CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND.

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, Penny Bidgland and Tony & Rosemary Rowley. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time James Symns, Leslie Green, Nicholas Rafferty, Mollie Murphy, Alan Branch, Lily Wells, Gabrielle Kavanagh and Sylvia Sharp.