



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



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ONE FAMILY

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This week I will be taking a post Easter Break and going on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, I will pray for you all. Fr Michael Ryan will be staying here and saying the masses this week. We also have visiting us, Fr John Kirkin who has come over from Cork, Ireland to celebrate a wedding of the daughter of his good friend. **Readings Reflection.** During his farewell supper, Jesus said to his disciples, "This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you" (John 13:34). One would be quick to ask, if this is a new commandment what happened to the Ten Commandments God gave to the people of Israel? Jesus answered this question in another: "I have not come to abolish the laws of Moses, but to fulfil them" (Matthew 5:17). He summarised those commandments into two: a committed love for God and a selfless love of neighbour (Matthew 22:37). Furthermore, during the Last Supper and just before his suffering and death, Jesus said: "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified" (John 13:31). These words of Jesus redefine glory not in terms of having political power, fame or wealth. His glory emanates from that sacrificial love, which led him to shed his blood for others. Thus, his message to us is that the pursuit of wealth, fame and power only leads to vainglory and the pursuit of genuine and sacrificial love leads to real and eternal glory. In his calculation, "Greater love has no one than this that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Therefore, when Jesus says, "Love one another" he invites us to live for one another, support one another, encourage one another, share with one another, be patient with one another, be kind to one another and be considerate to one another. According to St. Catherine Laboure, to love is "To see God in everyone." Very often we are unwilling and reluctant to love because love makes us vulnerable and responsible. Love is also demanding, costly and often involves self-emptying. It demands honesty and sincerity and it is unconditional. However, nothing else makes life more meaningful and worth living than love. To live happily is to love to the end, to love till death. Justin Martyr, wrote on how the early Christian understood and translated love into action. He said: "We who used to value the acquisition of wealth and possessions more than anything else now bring what we have into a common fund and share it with anyone who needs it. We used to hate and destroy one another and refused to associate with people of another race or country. Now, because of Christ, we live together with such people and pray for our enemies." Our prayer is, God help us to love another as you have loved us. Let us heed to the instruction of St. John of the Cross, which says, "Where there is no love, put love – and you will find love." *Fr Philip*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 18th May 2025

SATURDAY 17 th May	6.00pm	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
SUNDAY 18 th May	8.30am	St Justus: Wilson family (Claire Hutton)
	10.00am	Harold Blackaby RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 19 th May	10.00am	George D'Souza 95 th Birthday (Jacqui Almeida)
TUESDAY 20 th May	10.00am	St Justus: In thanksgiving (M Thakerar)
WED 21 st May		<i>Priest celebrates Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 22 nd May	10.00am	Fr Peter's Mother (Liam Collins)
FRIDAY 23 rd May	10.00am	Hero & Juno Thorne RIP (Tony & Beverley Thorne)
SATURDAY 24 th May	10.00am 6.00pm	Special Intentions Anne Mahoney (Tina Kirk) Iain Parkinson RIP (Jamie Parkinson)
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)		
SUNDAY 25 th May	8.30am	St Justus: Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	Special Intentions Anne Mahoney (Mahoney family)
	12noon	St Peter: 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**

REQUIEM MASS FOR SALLY LITTLE IS ON FRIDAY 30th MAY AT 12noon IN ST JUSTUS

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 03/05, 17/05, 14/06 after 6.00pm Mass.

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)

Next meeting Saturday 31st May 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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FHC MASSES

Saturday 7th June 12noon : Saturday 14th June 12noon

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.

ST. THERESE & THE HOLY FACE, a Conference Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of her Canonisation! Saturday May 17th talks: 1.30-6pm plus music 7.30-9.30pm. This can be live-streamed at <http://www.youtube.com/theholysface> also via facebook - the holy face. There is also a Novena which can be live-streamed. Learn about St. Therese's strong devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. Pray this in spirit with the novena of the official Sanctuary of Lisieux. Further information from Jacqui Shaw at jacquimshaw@yahoo.co.uk.

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 10/11 May 2025

Priests Training Fund (2nd Collection) £697.34

Offertories:-Gift Aid Env £227.00 & Cash £409.55

Card Machine (April) £325.00

Standing Orders (April) £5,895.00

PARISH NOTICES THIS SUNDAY IS SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY There will be some leaflets available with information about the diocese's safeguarding with contact details.

Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter. In his letter, Archbishop John said "Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us — clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners — is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community". You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25 or via the QR code



CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL GROUP The next meeting is on Tuesday, 27th May at 10.00am in Fisher Hall for Coffee & Chat, plus Bring & Share Light Lunch, (e.g. Savory & sweet finger food). All welcome.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – TONBRIDGE CEMETERY

Sunday 8th June at 12noon. Maura Branch, who is organising this, will be talking after Mass on weekend of 24th/25th May. Please get your details ready for her.

ST JUSTUS MAY FAIR ON 17th MAY. 11.00am -2.00pm

Please do come along, all are welcome!

SALUT-MALAWI Our final day for packing is 20 May.

CHERUBS. We are still looking for volunteers to join our team. Please contact Christina on 07963 783299.

ANY EMERGENCIES: Please call Father Philip 07947138511

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Nigel Green, Martyn Bowman, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Gerard Jones, Gloria Gorringe, Christi Morgan, Penny Bridgland, Rena Pope and Rosemary Rowley. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, especially Debbie Corkery, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Albert Radecke, Marjery Shanahan, Wally Borland, Lawrence Keen, Liam Wilkins-Mills, Michael Cawley, Joan Golding, Elizabeth Newbould, Keith Viner, Charles Weighell and Teresa Lawrence