



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



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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Good News. Fr Bibin hopes to be arriving from India this week. He is the assistant priest which the diocese promised us since April, we pray for his safe journey. **Reflections on the readings.** After Jesus' ascension, the apostles returned to the upper room where they had celebrated the Last Supper and they gathered in prayer with Mary and others. They needed time apart after Jesus' ascension. It was like a time of retreat for them. Before his ascension, Jesus said to them to stay in the city until they would be clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). Jesus promised that he would send them a Comforter or Advocate—the Holy Spirit. So, they spent these days on retreat praying for the Holy Spirit. Although, after his ascension, Jesus was no longer with them as he had been, he continued to be with them when they celebrated the Eucharist and was with them through his Spirit whom they received at Pentecost after this time of prayer together. Remembering Mary, the apostles, and others gathered in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, reminds us of the importance of praying for what we need. While prayer makes us more open to God and helps us respond better to God's grace in our lives, we also believe that God's love leads him to hear and answer our prayers of petition. We greatly admire the faith of people who pray to God every day for a request and a long time afterwards have their prayer answered. People often ask priests and sisters to pray for their intentions and ask priests to offer Mass for their intentions; that is good, but it is also good that each of us prays for ourselves. Don't you all leave it to me to pray for your intentions; you should all pray for your intentions. Jesus himself taught the importance of asking God for what we need: "Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him." (Luke 11:9-10) Once Jesus told a parable about someone visiting his friend in the middle of the night looking for bread because he had a surprise visitor. Although the friend did not want to get up, Jesus said persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants (Luke 11:5-8). In that parable, Jesus taught us to keep asking God for what we want. So please pray. *Fr Philip*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 1st June 2025

SATURDAY 31 st May	6.00pm	God's Blessings on Jackie Almeida (Lisa, Terry & friends)
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
SUNDAY 1 st June	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Father Jake Dicto RIP (Wieslawa Jesiolwska) Alfonso Sciangula RIP
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 2 nd June	10.00am	Margarida Moireira RIP (Leila Sellen)
TUESDAY 3 rd June	10.00am	St Justus: Intentions Retirement (M Thakerar)
WED 4 th June		<i>Priest celebrates Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 5 th June	10.00am	Bernard Mahoney RIP (Mahoney family)
FRIDAY 6 th June	10.00am	Barbara Allen RIP (Leila Sellen) Florence Mary & Albert Budd
SATURDAY 7 th June	10.00am	CONFESSION NO MASS
	12 noon	FHC MASS - For Our First Holy Communion Children
	6.00pm	God's blessings on Nuala Barton (Lisa, Terry & friends)
PENTECOST SUNDAY		
SUNDAY 8 th June	8.30am	St Justus: John snr, Mollie & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)
	10.00am	God's blessings on Emma & Alex (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**

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 14/06, 28/06 and 12/07 after 6.00pm Mass. Will resume again 6 September.

'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. Cash donations, Tesco & Waitrose vouchers are welcome.

SUMMERTIME 2025: 6TH AUGUST – 9TH AUGUST: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £189. For aged 11-15. This excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. It is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. Contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St, Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel:01322 220075.

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 24/25 May 2025

Offertories:-

Gift Aid Env £192.00 & Cash £430.59

Card Machine (April) £325.00

Standing Orders (April) £5,895.00

PARISH NOTICES

THIS WEEKEND there is a second collection for World Communications Day which supports the work of the CCN, the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and the wider Church.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM is on Monday 16th June at 7.30pm in the Hall followed by the usual June meeting.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – TONBRIDGE CEMETERY Sunday 8th June at 12noon.

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

THE 3RD TONBRIDGE SCOUT GROUP are looking for a new Treasurer to help support the group. The main functions are attending 4 'remote / from home' Trustee meetings a year, creating some simple accounts once a year and completing the annual gift aid exercise. If you would like to get involved and help support young people, please get in touch with Richard Cronin e-mail richard@cloudwood.co.uk

ST JUSTUS have a Tombola stall at the Paddock Wood Carnival on Sunday 13th July. Any donations for their church stall will be gratefully received! John Murphy is happy to collect, please contact him on 01892 836854

ST JUSTUS MAY FAIR raised £878.15. Thank you to the team of organisers for their hard work and for those who helped and supported this event. A big thank to Joan for nurturing the plants for the Plant Stall also for her commitment in organising these events.

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 Gorringer, Christi Morgan, Penny Bridgland, Rena Pope and Rosemary Rowley. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this Marjery Shanahan, Janes McCormack, Violet Brookes, John McEwan, Louise Lynch, Sheila Walker, Doris Almeida, Bridget Cox, Brian Game, Geoffrey Parsons, Tony Murphy, John Sexton and Anne Rimmer.