



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



## Corpus Christi

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TN9 1EY

## St. Justus

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TN12 6AG

## St. Peter

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TN11 0HR

ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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**Saint Gregory the Great -Feast 3rd September** Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome. Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome. Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed. His book, Pastoral Care, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church. Gregory was content to be a monk, but he willingly served the Church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways, especially when he was called to be Bishop of Rome. Once he was called to public service, Gregory gave his considerable energies completely to this work. Gregory's description of bishops as physicians fits in well with Pope Francis' description of the Church as a "field hospital."

### MASS AND INTENTIONS 31st August 2025

SATURDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6.00pm	Special Intentions Ken Marsh (Tina & Frances)
<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OT (C)</b>		
SUNDAY 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Anastacia Albasin (Simplicia Ramm)
	10.00am	Nigel Green RIP (Frances Hirst)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	10.00am	Special Intentions Sue Marsh (Tina & Frances)
TUESDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Sue Rossiter RIP (Marie Marriott)
WED 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Father Simon Trotabas RIP (Pierre Cotteret)
FRIDAY 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Keith & Eileen Hutton RIP
	10.00pm	Wellbeing Kiernan & Martin families (Denise & Robin) All Night Vigil
SATURDAY 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Nigel Green RIP (Margaret Brownhill)
	6.00pm	Gerard Jones RIP (Ann Jones)
<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OT (C)</b>		
SUNDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Nigel Green RIP For the People of the Parish
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Robert & Elizabeth Medwin RIP (Sue Medwin)

### 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  
1<sup>ST</sup> TUES AT ST. JUSTUS**

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 after Saturday 6.00pm Mass— Stefano Will resume again 6 September.

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**The Lifeboat**, parish bereavement support: these supportive monthly sessions for the bereaved of the parish will re-commence after Christmas. If there are parishioners who need more urgent bereavement support before then, we can offer telephone support to talk through their situation, and their needs. These phone calls need to be booked and should be arranged through the parish office. From Isabelle and Sheila.

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

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**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. Congratulations to Leighton Tucker who was baptized this weekend and to his parents and Godparents.

**CONFIRMATION** [tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** [tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridge@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** are in need of non-perishable food items and toiletries. Donations can be left in the Narthex at St Justus. If you'd prefer, here are the details for an online bank transfer: Community Storehouse, HSBC Bank Sort code: 40-36-35Acc No: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member. Also vouchers welcome!

**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:- [tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk)

**Weekend 23/24 Aug 2025**

Offertories:-

Gift Aid Envelopes:- £189.80

Cash:- £263.93

Card Machine (July): £297.00

Monthly Online (July): £5,858.00

**PARISH NOTICES NEXT WEEKEND** There is a second collection for the Catholic Education Service which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic Education and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

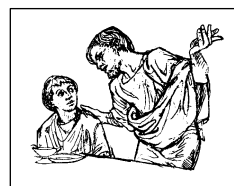
**PARISH COFFEE AFTER MASS 31<sup>st</sup>AUGUST** There is coffee after Mass today and a chance to say goodbye to Father James.

**RIDE 'N' STRIDE SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER** Sign up form and sponsorship sheets are at the back of CC church. There are also some Friends of the Church leaflets at the back if people could consider joining.

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH CLEANING** Volunteers are still needed. If this is something that you would like to do, please sign up on the list in the Narthex. You will be contacted to arrange the groups. Thank you.

**PARISH COFFEE SUNDAY AFTER MASS** We are in desperate need for new teams to go on the rota on the allocated Sundays. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

**STANDING ORDER PAYERS (CC)** There are still second collection envelopes left in the Narthex, please pick yours up as you will soon be needing them soon!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Martyn Bowman, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, 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 time Elsie Munden, Alice Powell, Winifred Munroe, Lilian Gassler, Isabella McEwan, Mimi Gower and Susan Rossiter,