



# 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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**PARISH PASTORAL MEETING** Last Monday we had our parish pastoral meeting. Discussion was regarding a possible renovation plan for the lady Chapel in Corpus Christi church, which would be similar to the reredos we have at present, since it is the same company, I will display photos and plans soon. We then discussed possible ways to help the youth in the parish and arrange some social activities. The minutes will be made available soon. Thank you to all who attended. Fr Bibin is away in Scotland for 9 days having a well earned break.

Sunday 10.00am Mass We welcome the pupils & staff of St Margaret's School for a school Mass. Some pupils will be doing some readings and bidding prayers. There will be a talk after Mass about the school. Thanks. *Fr Philip*

**Gospel reflection** In the gospel, Jesus reminds us of the fact that money and material things do not last forever. Hence, he advises us on how to make use of them without losing our salvation. There is a saying that "The best way to invest is to invest in the poor." We should therefore learn to invest in the poor to improve their conditions. Amassing wealth for ourselves without using them to help those in need only amounts to greed and selfishness. Money and wealth have value only when used wisely to help those around us. Only fools hold tenaciously to money and wealth above God and to the detriment of the poor. Also, only the ungodly use their wealth to oppress the poor and the weak. This is because they are like "the fool who says there is no God" (Ps 14:1). On the contrary, the wise use his wealth to help those in need and store wealth for himself in heaven. Therefore, it is important to know that we are only it's managers when God blesses us with wealth. God gives us wealth to help and improve the lives of those in need. It is not meant only for our families and us. So, we must be charitable with it.

### MASS AND INTENTIONS 21st September 2025

SATURDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm	For Ellen & Jean FHC Catechists (Suzy Wood)
<b>TWENTY_FIFTH SUNDAY OT (C)</b>		
SUNDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Pat & Greg Czerniawski RIP (Barry Weston) Kathleen Kirkwood (Theresa Stoves)
	10.00am	For Tina & Alice FHC Catechists (Suzy Wood)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	10.00am	Angelica Raimondi RIP
TUESDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	12noon	<b>CC:</b> Funeral Service for Wendy Johnson (Carey)
<b>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM</b>		
WED 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Welfare of Margaret Brownhill (Jackie Almeida) Fr Francis Bird
FRIDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Eric David Thorpe RIP (Eileen Thorpe)
SATURDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.00am	Welfare of Bob King (Lisa Nicholls)
	6.00pm	Edward Sellen RIP (Steve & Leila Sellen)
<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OT (C)</b>		
SUNDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Mary Barns RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	Theresa S Coutinho RIP (Coutinho family)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> In thanksgiving (Jean & John Smallcombe) 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  
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

#### 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. 20<sup>th</sup> September 4<sup>th</sup> October

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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.

**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.

**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!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026 begins on Tuesday 6th January 5.00pm in the Fisher Hall. Children currently in Year 3 or above are old enough to be enrolled on the course. Registration forms are available from either Fr Philip or the Parish Office. Then attend one of the following dates in the Fisher Hall. Monday 20th October 7-8.00pm : Monday 27th October 7.00pm -8.00pm to meet with the Catechists. Please take your completed form together with your child's Baptism Certificate and a passport size photo along on your chosen date**

**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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Offertories W/E 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Sept

Envelopes £203.50 Offertory cash £326.66

2nd Collection Catholic Education Service £383.59

#### PARISH NOTICES

**THIS WEEKEND** is Home Mission Sunday and there is a second collection which enables a breadth of work to be done in the support of parish evangelisation. Gift-aiders, please use the relevant Gift Aid envelope.

**THIS WEEKEND** is the First National Mass Count and continues for the following three weekends. There will be count sheets for the collectors to complete which must be returned to the parish office each weekend/Monday.

**NEXT WEEKEND** after the 6.00pm & 10.00am Mass there will be a short talk about the forthcoming SVP annual Tea Party.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL GROUP** meeting is on Tuesday, 30th September at 10.00am in Fisher Hall for Coffee & Chat. There will be a speaker from the Fire Brigade on Precautions Against Fires in the Home. All Welcome.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, 29 NOVEMBER**

Are you creative and full of good ideas? Do you enjoy a good social occasion? Come and help plan the Corpus Christi Christmas Bazaar! Whether you just have some good ideas to share or are willing to get stuck right in with planning the event or running a stall on the day, we want to hear from you. Contact Emma on 07977 500673 or Alice on 07871 109333 or send a message to the team via the Parish Office. There's also a Bazaar Suggestions box in the Narthex for ideas and feedback and a planning meeting open to all on Monday October 6th at 7.30pm in the Hall. Help us build on recent success and make this year's event even better.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL MASS ST JUSTUS** The Harvest Mass will be at 8.30am on Sunday 12th October. The Community Storehouse, suggested these items in order they can coordinate donations from other groups. Sweet biscuits, custard, rice pudding, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet rolls. There will be labelled trays for donations in the Narthex at St Justus.

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, 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 Stella Berkska, Henry Tucker, Darren Gilday, Addolorata Jones, Mary Bibby, Adelaide Evans and Karla Small.