



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



ONE PARISH

Corpus Christi

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ONE FAMILY

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This weekend we lose Fr Bibin for three weeks as he returns back to India to visit his family for a post-Christmas break. As we enter the New Year, I wish you all a very happy and Holy year ahead.

Gospel Reflection.

Jesus' Baptism signals the beginning of his Public Ministry and the start of a period of Ordinary Time before the beginning of Lent. In St Luke's account of this event there is no dialogue between Jesus and John, signalling the disparity in their status. Jesus seems to be baptised along with the rest of the crowd, unnoticed by John. It is after the baptism, while at prayer on his own, that Jesus receives the revelation of the dove (a sign of divine presence) and he, alone, hears the voice from heaven. Some manuscripts report the words as "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," while others report, "today I have begotten you." We frequently hear of Jesus at prayer in St Luke's Gospel. The scene is now set for the ministry to begin. *Fr Philip*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 11 th January 2026			WEEKLY IN THE PARISH
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD			MORNING PRAYER
SATURDAY 10 th Jan	6.00pm	Nara RIP (Leia, Valerie & Leila Sellen)	CORPUS CHRISTI
SUNDAY 11 th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	MON AT 9.40 AM
	10.00am	Intentions Frances Hirst (Catherine Collins)	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish	AT CORPUS CHRISTI
MONDAY 12 th Jan	10.00am	Welfare of Daniel & Fiona Carter (Pierre & Frédérique Cotteret)	TUE 6.30 PM -7.00 PM.
	12noon	Requiem Mass Paul McIndoe	ADORATION
TUESDAY 13 th Jan	10.00am	St Justus: God's Blessings on Nicky & Jim Byrne, Golden Wedding (Marie Marriott)	AT CORPUS CHRISTI
WED 14 th January		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>	THURSDAYS AFTER
THURSDAY 15 th Jan	10.00am	Mary & Gordon Collins Fr Michael Moriarty	10.30AM -10PM
			ROSARY
FRIDAY 16 th Jan	10.00am	Michael Fleming RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)	AT CORPUS CHRISTI
	12.30pm	Funeral Service Yvonne Hart RIP	9.30 AM
SATURDAY 17 th Jan	10.00am	Repose of the souls of those who have no one to pray for them (Catherine Collins)	ON THUR, FRI ,SAT & SUN.
	6.00pm	Alice Ford & family (T Fleming)	FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION
SECOND SUNDAY OT (A)			CHERUBS
SUNDAY 18 th Jan	8.30am	St Justus: Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	IN THE HALL BEFORE
	10.00am	God's Blessings on Bertha & Emmanuel (Ugochukwu family)	10AM MASS ON SUNDAYS
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish	HOLY FACE DEVOTION
			AT 10.30AM SATS AND 1ST TUES AT ST. JUSTUS
			ROSARY AT ST JUSTUS ON TUESDAYS 9.20 AM

+ REQUIEM MASS for Pauline Murray is on Monday 19th January 12noon in Corpus Christi

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. Next meeting dates 10th,24th Jan, 7th Feb.

The Lifeboat, Parish Bereavement Support: Please see update below.

CONFESION: 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk There is a meeting for parent's who have registered their child for this year's FHC programme on Monday 12th January in the Hall at 7.00pm.

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)

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE, PADDOCK WOOD Please continue with your donations, which 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: 40-36-35 Acc No: 11298410 Ref: St Justus member. Waitrose and Tesco gift cards are welcome as an alternative.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL are extremely grateful for your past support. We are renewing our appeal for large size nappies, baby food, sanitary wear, soap and other toiletries. As our donations go to a school please DO NOT donate anything that is PERISHABLE! Thank you.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Father Philip is hosting a Cheese & Wine Party on Saturday 17th January after the 6.00pm Mass especially for those who volunteer their services to the Parish, but all who would like to come will be very welcome!

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 Gorringe, Christi Morgan, Rena Pope, Rosemary Rowley and James Stone. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Michael Disandolo, Una Common, Vivienne Burrows, Mary Evans, Francis McCabe, Michael Fleming, Eirwen Rowland, Sandra McKernan, Alex Chauvin, Elizabeth Jenner and Daniel Henry.

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. Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

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Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531)

Gift Aid email:- Tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk

Weekend 22/23 & 28/29 December & 3/4 January

Offertories:-Gift Aid Envelopes:- £176.00 & £171.00 &

£196 Cash:- £421.49 & £357.06 & £341.41

Card Machine (Dec): £395.00 **SO Online (Dec):** £5,660.00

PARISH NOTICES **NEXT SUNDAY** is the beginning of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity and ends 25th January.

THE LIFEBOAT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT will look a bit different this year.... We will now be offering friendly 1:1 support, either face-to-face or by phone. If you feel it would help to talk about what you are feeling in a private and confidential space, you can call to arrange a chat with us. You are the only person who knows what your grief feels like, and talking about it can often help to lessen the intensity of these feelings. This is not professional counselling, but friendly and supportive listening. This could be a one-off chat, or a regular slot for a few weeks. Call Isabelle on 07873 953423 to arrange a suitable time. In 2026, we will also be offering group workshop sessions in which we will focus on various ways of coping with bereavement. Come along for coffee and social time as we gently explore ways to live with our loss and learn coping strategies.  The first of these workshops will be on Saturday February 21st , "Honouring the Dead," when we will explore ways of honouring the memory of those we have lost, and look at ways of keeping those memories fresh so that those we have loved still have a place in our lives. Places must be booked in advance. To book, or find out more, call Isabelle on 07873 953423. Look out for our new leaflets with more details, at the back of each church.

ITEMS NEEDED for a forthcoming Table Top Sale on 7th February in St Justus Church Hall. If you have any items in good condition that you no longer want or unwanted Christmas gifts, please contact John Murphy who is happy to collect 01892 836854