



# 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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**This weekend** we have a cheese and wine party after the Saturday evening mass at 7pm for parishioners and especially helpers in the parish. All are welcomed. Please come along. As we start the new Year, our first Holy Communion program has started, this year sadly without our wonderful catechists, Tina, Ellen and Jean who have been doing it for many years, but have now retired. Fortunately, we have a new group of catechists, Julian, Myla, Alice, Shyla and Maureen. Please keep them and the children and their parents in your prayers.

Some people have been mentioning that the toilets in the hall look a bit run down, so I will be looking to see if we can renew them a little.

### Gospel Reflection.

We think of Jesus as the Son of God and Messiah. But yet if you met him and no one had pointed him out to you, you wouldn't know he was Jesus. Twice in our Gospel today John the Baptist says, "I did not know him myself." (John 1:31,33) John said, "he who sent me to baptize with water had said to me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptize with the Holy Spirit.'" The descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove on Jesus was the signal for John. The Pharisees were listening to John speaking and they did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah, so John said to them, "Look there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." The Father pointed Jesus out to John, and now John pointed Jesus out to the Pharisees. Because Jesus was so normal you would not pick him out from the crowd. *Fr Philip*

### MASS AND INTENTIONS 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

#### SECOND SUNDAY OT (A)

|                               |         |   |
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| SATURDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan | 6.00pm  | Alice Ford & family (T Fleming)   |
| SUNDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 8.30am  | <b>St Justus:</b> Vera Weston RIP (Barry Weston)                          |
|                               | 10.00am | God's Blessings on Bertha & Emmanuel (Ugochukwu family)                   |
|                               | 12noon  | <b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish                            |
| MONDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 10.00am | Brian Wilkins RIP (Martina & family)                                      |
|                               | 12noon  | Requiem Mass Pauline Murray   |
| TUESDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | 10.00am | <b>St Justus:</b> Bill Gress RIP (Joan Reid)                              |
| WED 21 <sup>st</sup> January  |         | <i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>                                       |
| THURSDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan | 10.00am | Welfare of Katherine Davies (Mahoney family)<br>Holy Souls (Liam Collins) |
| FRIDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan   | 10.00am | Bernard Winters & his family  |
| SATURDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan | 10.00am | Deceased friends RIP (Catherine Collins)                                  |
|                               | 6.00pm  | Marian Barlow RIP (Mary Wand)   |
| THIRD SUNDAY OT (A)           |         |   |
| SUNDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 8.30am  | <b>St Justus:</b> Ken, Gladys & Susan Weston RIP (Barry Weston)           |
|                               | 10.00am | In thanksgiving Bertha & Emmanuel (Gabriel Ugochukwu)                     |
|                               | 12noon  | <b>St Peter:</b> 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 &

SUN.

#### FIRST SATURDAY

#### DEVOTION

#### CHERUBS

IN THE HALL BEFORE

10AM MASS ON

SUNDAYS

HOLY FACE DEVOTION

AT 10.30AM SATS AND

1ST TUES AT ST. JUSTUS

ROSARY AT ST JUSTUS

ON TUESDAYS 9.20 AM

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. Next meeting dates 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.

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

**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) There is a meeting for parent's who have registered their child for this year's FHC programme on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ITEMS NEEDED** for a forthcoming Table Top Sale on 7th February. Items in good condition that and unwanted Christmas gifts welcome. Please contact John Murphy who is happy to collect 01892 836854

**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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Sort Code 60-21-28 Account 71367780

Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531)

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W/E 10/11 January 2026 Offertories:-

Gift Aid Envelopes:- £196.00 Cash:- £327.25


Card Machine (Dec): £395.00 SO Online (Dec): £5,715.00 (a small refinement here!) Crib Offerings £176.26

**PARISH NOTICES THIS WEEKEND** there is an Appeal given by Katharine Hampton on behalf of the SPUC and there will be a retiring collection. All the correspondence & booking form went astray in the Christmas post! Apologies for the short notice!

**NEXT WEEKEND** There is a second collection for the maintenance of our Cathedral. St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers, and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.

**TODAY** is the beginning of Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity and ends 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL MORNING** - The next meeting is on Tuesday, 27th January at 10.00am in Fisher Hall for Coffee & Chat. There will be a speaker from the Folly Wildlife Rescue. The charity would appreciate any donations of tin cat food. All Welcome.

**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. 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. We will also be offering group workshop sessions. 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." Places must be booked in advance. To book, or find out more, call Isabelle on 07873 953423.

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 Peter Mellish, John Ashton, Nicholas Conway, Pauline Entwhistle, Colin Jenner, Ronald Forté, John Martin, Bryce Cottrell, John Knoth, Joan Critten, Kathleen Martin, Iris Hayes, Maureen Humphrey and Mary Warne.