



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Why is giving up something for Lent such a salutary custom? By denying ourselves something we enjoy, we discipline our wills so that we are not slaves to our pleasures. Just as indulging the pleasure of eating leads to physical flabbiness and, if this is great enough, an inability to perform in physically demanding situations, indulging in pleasure in general leads to spiritual flabbiness and, if this is great enough, an inability to perform in spiritual demanding situations, when the demands of morality require us to sacrifice something pleasurable or endure hardship (such as being scorned or persecuted for the faith). By disciplining the will to refuse pleasures when they are not sinful, a habit is developed which allows the will to refuse pleasures when they are sinful. There are few better ways to keep one's priorities straight than by periodically denying ourselves things of lesser priority to show us that they are not necessary and focus our attention on what is necessary.

Diocesan Priest's Conference

This week I will be on a priest's conference organized by the Archbishop for Southwark clergy, it will take place at the Hayes Centre, near to Nottingham. These conferences will take place now on a yearly basis as opposed to the past when they were every three years. Fr Bibin will attend one later in the year.

Parish Retreat

There are hand-outs next to the newsletter of scripture readings pertaining to the parish retreat from 2nd-6th March. Please take a sheet to read the passages in which the talks will be based. *Fr Philip*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 15th February 2026		
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)		
SATURDAY 21 st Feb	6.00pm	John Martin RIP & deceased members of the Moore family (Margaret Constable) For the People of the Parish
SUNDAY 22 nd Feb	8.30am	St Justus: Susan Crowley RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Roy Moon RIP (Brenda Moon)
	12noon	St. Peter: Stephen Coker RIP
MONDAY 23 rd Feb	10.00am	Mary Fleming RIP (Jane Garrigan)
TUESDAY 24 th Feb	10.00am	St Justus: Mrs Sam Burford RIP (David Burford) Followed by Stations of the Cross
WED 25 th Feb	10.00am	St Peter: Stations of the Cross <i>Priest celebrates Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 26 th Feb	10.00am	Carla Hoskins RIP (Lisa Nicholls)
FRIDAY 27 th Feb	10.00am	Welfare of Kevin Collins (Liam Collins) Welfare of Tony Reid (Eleanor Smith)
	7.30am	Corpus Christi: Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 28 th Feb	10.00am	Edith Campbell RIP (Frances Hirst)
	6.00pm	Paul Devlin RIP (Lisa Nicholls)
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)		
SUNDAY 1 st March	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Austin Dunne RIP (Anne Dunne)
	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 &
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

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 7th March, 21st March, 2nd May.

THE LIFEBOAT, Parish Bereavement Support: Please see our new leaflets with full details, at the back of each church.

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 Please watch the weekly newsletter for date for Registration

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 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)

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE, PADDOCK WOOD Please continue with your donations, which can be left in the Narthex at St Justus. If you'd prefer, details for an online bank transfer: Community Storehouse, HSBC Bank Sort code: 40-36-35Acc 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 kind donations of nappies. We have accumulated a good stock of those at present. We would now like to concentrate on baby food & toiletries eg toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo & sanitary wear. Thank you, again for your kind support.

THE LIFEBOAT WORKSHOP "HONOURING THE DEAD" on Saturday 21st February. (At St Peter's, Hadlow) Places must be booked in advance. If you would like more information, please contact Isabelle on 07873 953423.

CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL MORNING - The next meeting is on Tuesday, 24th February at 10.00am in Fisher Hall for Coffee & Chat. There will be a speaker from the Tonbridge Lions Club. All welcome. We would appreciate any help in setting out the tables and chairs before the meeting.

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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14/15 Feb 2026 Offertories:-

Gift Aid Envelopes:- £123.50 Cash:-£354.84SO

Online(Jan):-£5,700.00 Card Machine(Jan):£357.00

Retired Clergy 2nd Collection £713.13

PARISH NOTICES THIS WEEKEND Paul Whittle will be giving an Appeal for the work of CAFOD after all Masses and will be handing out envelopes for Friday 27th CAFOD Fast Day. **NEXT WEEKEND** There is a second collection for the work of CAFOD Please bring your envelopes back and put in that collection. Thank you.

NEXT WEEKEND Jacqui Nunes will be giving her annual update after all Masses on **SALUT-MALAWI**. Our donations box will be in the Narthex until 13 March. The most needed items are underwear for girls aged 11- 17, bars of soap and nursing bras. Thank you for your generosity

CALL TO CONFIRMATION 2026 Candidates Registration Forms are available from the Parish office, please complete and return to the office as soon as possible. All forms must be returned by W/E 7th/8th March.

CELEBRATE ST PATRICK'S DAY in true Irish style on Saturday 14th March from 7:00-10:30pm at Fisher Hall! Enjoy a lively evening of traditional Irish dancing and join in the fun with a spirited Céilí, plus take a chance in our Irish-themed raffle. Tuck into a delicious hot meal of traditional Irish stew (beef or vegetarian options available), warm up with a classic Irish coffee, and bring your own drinks to keep the festivities flowing. Tickets are just £12 for adults (including meal), £6 for children aged 6-12, and free for little ones aged 5 and under. Gather your friends and family and don't miss this fantastic night of music, food, and Irish cheer!

DEANERY BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE DAY on Saturday 7th March in the Fisher Hall 9.00am-4.30pm. Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. **Booking is essential. To apply please contact: Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or by phone on 07983 524 727**

ST JUSTUS TABLE TOP SALE made £127.00. St Andrews, Paddock Wood is holding a Woman's World Day of Prayer Nigeria 2026 service on Friday 6th March at 1.30 in the Wallis Room for any other information pastor@pwbc.org.uk

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, Rena Pope, Rosemary Rowley and James Stone. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially John Usher, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Mildred West, Hasso von Bredow, Joseph Lorrington, Catherine Singleton, Patrick Blake, John Jason, Peter Elton and Peggy Levett.