



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



## Corpus Christi

41 Lyons Crescent, Tonbridge  
TN9 1EY

## St. Justus

Mount Pleasant, Paddock Wood  
TN12 6AG

## St. Peter

Maidstone Road, Hadlow  
TN11 0HR

**ONE PARISH**

**ONE FAMILY**

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After Jesus' ascension, the apostles returned to the upper room where they had celebrated the Last Supper and they gathered in prayer with Mary and others. They needed time apart after Jesus' ascension. It was like a time of retreat for them. Before his ascension, Jesus said to them to stay in the city until they would be clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). Jesus promised that he would send them a Comforter or Advocate—the Holy Spirit. So, they spent these days on retreat praying for the Holy Spirit. Although, after his ascension, Jesus was no longer with them as he had been, he continued to be with them when they celebrated the Eucharist and was with them through his Spirit whom they received at Pentecost after this time of prayer together.

Remembering Mary, the apostles, and others gathered in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, reminds us of the importance of praying for what we need. While prayer makes us more open to God and helps us respond better to God's grace in our lives, we also believe that God's love leads him to hear and answer our prayers of petition. We greatly admire the faith of people who pray to God every day for a request and a long time afterwards have their prayer answered.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 17th May 2026		
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)		
SATURDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00pm	Vincent Almeida RIP (Almeida family)
SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Adelaide Evans RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Conversion of family members (Catherine Collins)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> Welfare of Josie Smallcombe For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	Harold Blackaby RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)
TUESDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> Penny & Douglas Marriott RIP (Marie Marriott)
WED 20 <sup>th</sup> May		<i>Priest celebrates Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00am	Gerard Jones RIP & the Jones family (Anne Jones)
FRIDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.00am	God's Blessings on Catherine & Steve (Tina & Francis)
	6.15pm	Mass (Latin)
SATURDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.00am	For friends going through difficult times (Catherine Collins)
	6.00pm	Fr Francis Bird For the People of the Parish
PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)		
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	Special Intentions Anne Mahoney (Mahoney family)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> John & Pat Parsons RIP (Isabelle Parsons)

**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 16<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 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](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.

**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. A request has been received from them for the following: cereal, jelly, tinned / instant potato, tinned vegetables, savoury biscuits & washing powder / liquid. They have run a little short since everyone's generosity at Xmas. 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** would like to thank everyone for the generous support given to their charitable work. Presently baby food, toiletries and non-perishable food would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

**St Dunstan's, Southborough** Quiz night Saturday 6th June 7pm - A fish supper is included in the price of your ticket but please bring your own drinks and glasses. Tickets (£12.50) available at [www.southboroughcatholic.com/quiz-night](http://www.southboroughcatholic.com/quiz-night)

**Fisher Hall Bookings:** Please contact the parish office during office hours 01732 353984 or by email. Not in the evenings or week-ends

**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. Easter for Easter Offerings. Thank you for your generosity.

**Account name RCAS Tonbridge**

**Sort Code 60-21-28 Account 71367780**

**08/09 May Weekly Offertories:-**

**Gift Aid envelopes:- £178.01 Cash:- £340.41**

**SO Online:- £1471.25 (weekly average in April)**

**Card Machine:- £161.25 (weekly average in April)**

### PARISH NOTICES

**THIS WEEKEND** there is a second collection for World Communications Day. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network which seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and provides support for the Bishops of England & Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

**PARISH SOCIAL EVENT - BEETLE DRIVE this Sunday 2-4.30pm in the Fisher Hall Entry: £3 each, children under 5 free** Join us for a relaxed afternoon of fun and fellowship at our Beetle Drive, a classic table top dice game that has been enjoyed by people of all ages for centuries. Expect friendly competition, plenty of laughter, and a delicious serving of tea and scones.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL MORNING** The next meeting is on Tuesday, 26th May at 10.00am in Fisher Hall for Coffee & Chat. There will be a speaker from the Food Bank. All welcome.

**ST JUSTUS MAY FAIR** raised £908.44. Thank you to the organisers and the helpers who work so hard & of course to all who came along. A lovely time was had by all.

**BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITION** St Lawrence Church Edenbridge invite the young people from across the Tunbridge Wells Deanery to take part in a joyful and engaging Bible Quiz Competition on 4 July 2026 at St Lawrence the Martyr Church. Each parish may enter a team of FOUR members. A wonderful opportunity for children to share their knowledge of the Bible and Jesus with friends while growing in faith and fellowship. Families and parishioners are warmly invited to go along and support the participants. Our Youth Team will be organising our Parish Team.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Mary Girdlestone, Martyn Bowman, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Christi Morgan, Rena Pope, Rosemary Rowley and Lois Knoth. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Barry Weston and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Albert Radecke, Marjery Shanahan, Wally Borland, Lawrence Keen, Michael Cawley, Joan Golding, Keith Viner, Charles Weighell and Teresa Lawrence.