



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



Corpus Christi

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Pope Benedict XIV on the Parable of the Sower.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I thank you for coming to the Angelus here at Castel Gandolfo, where I arrived a few days ago. I gladly take the opportunity to extend my cordial greeting to all the inhabitants of this dear little town, with my best wishes for a good summer. In particular I greet our Bishop of Albano.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Mt 13:1-23), Jesus recounts to the crowd the well-known Parable of the Sower. In a certain way it is an "autobiographical" passage, for it reflects the very experience of Jesus, of his preaching. He identifies himself with the sower who scatters the good seed of the Word of God and notes the different effects it obtains, in accordance with the way in which people hear the proclamation. Some listen superficially to the Word but do not take it in; others accept it at the time but are unable to persevere and lose it all; there are those who are engrossed by worldly concerns and enticements; and those who listen receptively, like the good soil: here the word bears an abundance of fruit. However this Gospel also puts the accent on Jesus' preaching "method", that is, on his use of parables. "Why do you speak to them in parables?", his disciples ask (Mt 13:10). And Jesus answers distinguishing between them and the crowd: to his disciples — namely to those who have already decided for him — he can speak openly about the Kingdom of God, to others, instead, he must proclaim it in parables, precisely to encourage their decision, conversion of the heart; indeed, by their very nature parables demand the effort of interpretation, they not only challenge the mind but also freedom. St John Chrysostom explained: "And this he [Jesus] says to draw them unto him, and to provoke them and to signify that if they would covert he would heal them" (cf. Homily on the Gospel of Matthew, 45, 1-Basically, God's true "Parable" is Jesus himself, his Person who, in the sign of humanity, hides and at the same time reveals his divinity. In this manner God does not force us to believe in him but attracts us to him with the truth and goodness of his incarnate Son: love, in fact, always respects freedom. *Fr Philip*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 12 th July 2026		
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)		
SATURDAY 11 th July	6.00pm	Lourdes Ribeiro RIP (Costa family)
SUNDAY 12 th July	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston) Barry Weston RIP (Liz Goddard)
	10.00am	God's Blessings on Val King (Charles & Lisa Nicholls)
	12noon	St. Peter: For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 13 th July	10.00am	Alan Jarek RIP & family (Eugenia Jarek)
TUESDAY 14 th July	10.00am	St Justus: Barry Weston RIP (Marie Marriott)
WED 15 th July		<i>Priest celebrates Mass privately</i>
THURS 16 th July	10.00am	Jim & Dora Austin RIP
FRIDAY 17 th July	10.00am	Laurence Leonard Grainger RIP (Linda Pool)
	6.15pm	Mass (Latin) Holy Souls
SATURDAY 18 th July	10.00am	Brian & Martina Wilkins RIP
	12noon	For Our Confirmation Candidates
	6.00pm	John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)		
Sunday 19 th July	8.30am	St Justus: Phyllis Bennett RIP (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (Vipin & family)
	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

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 11th July then a break for the Summer.

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 make an appointment with Father Philip 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. Congratulations to Lena King who was baptized this weekend and to her parents & Godparents.

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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 much needed donations, which can be left in the Narthex at St Justus. 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.

WAITROSE TONBRIDGE 'COMMUNITY MATTERS' programme will be supporting **St Vincent de Paul (SVP)** from 1 July - 30 September. Please support the SVP by shopping at Waitrose and place green tokens which are available at the checkouts into our charity box to help us raise vital funds.

MASS INTENTIONS We are getting very short of Mass Intentions both weekdays & weekends at Corpus Christi. Also, at St Peter's. Your offerings for Mass Intentions are a vital income for your priests as they do not receive a salary. You can use a Mass Intention envelope found in the Narthex of both churches or via the parish office and by email.

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.

Account name RCAS Tonbridge

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

Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531)

Gift Aid email:- tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk

4/5 July Weekly Offertories:-

Gift Aid envelopes:- £215.00 Cash:- £423.25

Weekly averages for June –

SO Online:- £1,687.5

Card Machine:- £114.50

PARISH NOTICES

THIS WEEKEND There is a second collection Stella Maris, a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. Port Chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. They rely wholly on voluntary contributions and can only continue through your generosity particularly this collection. There are some Gift-aid envelopes available.

PARISH ACCOUNTS A short presentation will be given to the parish after all Masses this weekend.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: AGM to be held on 13 July at 7.30pm in the Fisher Hall. This meeting is open to all Parishioners. If anybody has questions they would like discussed at the meeting it would be helpful to share those in advance with Fr Philip. Thank you.

ST JUSTUS SOCIAL MEETING Tuesday 21st July after 10.00am Mass in the hall. If you can't make the meeting but have ideas for social events and fundraising, please let Joan know your ideas and availability to help. Helpers are needed to move forward with planning. It would be lovely to see everyone at the meeting.

HOST FAMILY I wonder if anyone can help, I am looking for a host family for an Italian student who is arriving in September and staying for a month. The student will be attending the Weald of Kent Grammar School in Tonbridge so the host family would need to be less than an hour's commute to school. The student would pay for their own travel expenses but you would need to provide breakfast and dinner and a friendly face when they are at home. You would be paid £500. If this is something that you could do, please get in touch with Father Philip as soon as possible as the deadline for agreeing placements is fast approaching .

HOLY FACE DEVOTION there will not be a meeting on **Saturday 18th July following the 10am Mass. There will still be Rosary before Mass as usual.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry, Mary Girdlestone, Martyn Bowman, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Christi Morgan, Rena Pope, Rosemary Rowley, Lois Knoth and Angela Micallief. **HOLY SOULS:** Please remember in your prayers, those who have died and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Henry Groenendyk, Henry Johnstone, Christopher O'Brien, Henry Wilczek, Antony Eastham, Marianne Bertram, Joan Lovell, Marie Lello, and Nigel Green.