



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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The Parish Picnic went very well last Sunday, over 60 people came and all had an enjoyable time. Many thanks to the Social Committee for organizing it.

Scripture reflection

Every time God created in Genesis, we read that everything God created was good (Gen 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31). God does not send bad things. From where do we come? From the same person as Jesus talks of in today's parable: an enemy did this (Matt 13:28). Who is the enemy? Jesus explains near the end of our Gospel today – the devil (Matt 13:39). Only good things come from heaven; bad things come from hell. There is a spiritual battle going on around us and we are caught up in that spiritual battle from birth. Spiritually, we are all in a battle between good and evil. Jesus sows good seed in the field which he says is the world. Jesus says the good seed is the children of the kingdom. Thank God that we see good seed all around us in so many ways. Jesus said the field is the world and the weeds in the field are the children of the evil one. As well as seeing weeds in the world, I think we can also see weeds in the Church and in each of ourselves. There have always been weeds in the Church from the beginning. There have been heretics in every century trying to change the Church's teaching to suit themselves. So we should not be surprised if we see weeds now also. When we see and hear different interpretations of what is important in our faith, how do we make a decision on what is right and what is not? How can we decide what is Catholic and what is not? How can we decide what is good seed and what is a weed?

Fr Philip

MASS AND INTENTIONS 19 th July 2026		
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)		
SATURDAY 18 th July	6.00pm	John Constable RIP (Margaret Constable)
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
MONDAY 20 th July	10.00am	Maud Preston & her relatives Welfare of Ann Jones
TUESDAY 21 st July	10.00am	St Justus: Debbie Corkery RIP (Jacinta Goldup)
WED 22 nd July		<i>Priest celebrates Mass privately</i>
THURS 23 rd July	10.00am	Welfare of Frank & Margaret Brownhill (David Burford)
FRIDAY 24 th July	10.00am	Holy Souls (Liam Collins)
	6.15pm	Mass (Latin) Holy Souls
SATURDAY 25 th July	10.00am	Frank Moffitt RIP (Jacqui Shaw)
	6.00pm	Tony Reid RIP (Eleanor Smith)
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OT (A)		
Sunday 26 th July	8.30am	St Justus: John & Maureen Weston RIP (Barry Weston) Pat & Greg Czerniawosky (Liz Goddard)
	10.00am	Louise & Lily Martin (Vipin & family)
	12noon	St Peter: Welfare of William Matthews (John & Jean) 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

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. Now on 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.

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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.

AN AI SCAM is being generated and this has been received from the Diocese: Never assume that a WhatsApp message or video is genuine simply because it appears to come from a member of the clergy. Never send money, gift cards or bank details in response to unsolicited requests received via WhatsApp or other messaging platforms. **Always** verify the identity of the sender by contacting the priest or parish directly using a known telephone number or official email address before responding to any request. **Report** any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>

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

11/12 July 2026 Weekly Offertories:-

Gift Aid envelopes:- £165.00_Cash:- £441.73

Weekly averages for June –

SO Online:- £1,687.5

Card Machine:- £114.50

2nd Collection_Stella Maris:- £389.28

PARISH NOTICES CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL MORNING -

The next meeting is on Tuesday 28th July at 10.00am in Fisher Hall for Coffee & Chat. There will be a speaker from Tonbridge U3A. All welcome. We would appreciate any help in setting out the tables and chairs before the meeting.

ST JUSTUS STALL at Paddock Wood Carnival raised £117.00 Thank you to those who manned the stall and for the organising before the event. A great time was had by all!

ST JUSTUS SOCIAL COMMITTEE 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 .

MASS INTENTIONS We are still very short of Mass Intentions both weekdays & weekends at Corpus Christi. Also, at St Peter's.

NEXT WEEKEND is our Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. We wish the pilgrims a happy time and a spiritually fulfilled pilgrimage.

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 Dora Austin, Bernard O'Brien, John Murray, Joyce Law, Noel Deegan, Josephine Burton and Mary Crawford.