



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



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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory in November is an ancient practice of the Church. But how do we know if our friends or loved ones are in Purgatory? The Church teaches that unless a person has a "ST." (as in Saint) in front of their name (i.e. St. Juan Diego, St. Jose Maria Escriva, etc.) - that is, unless they have been officially canonized by the Church - we should not assume that they are already enjoying the Beatific Vision in Heaven and because of that we should continue to offer our assistance to them to aid them in their journey to full union with God. In other words, we should assume that they are in purgatory. The Holy Souls in purgatory are traditionally called the "Church Suffering" because they are truly suffering as they are going through this purification process. However, they can do nothing to lessen their own suffering. This is because, at the moment of death, their time for obtaining merit with God was brought to an end. The only way they can advance in this process of purification and reach the glory of Heaven is by the prayers and sacrifices offered on their behalf. It is a dogma of the Catholic Faith that those on earth can bring relief to the pains of the souls in purgatory. The Church uses the word "suffrages" to designate the assistance that we give to the Holy Souls. These are prayers, penances, and other acts of piety done with the special intention of consoling them in their suffering. The souls in purgatory are undergoing purification because they "have not made satisfaction for things they have done or omitted by fruits worthy of penance" (Council of Florence). In His mercy, God allows the souls on earth (on behalf of the dead) to do what they had not done for themselves while they lived; we complete, for them, the penance that they lacked. "The work of suffrage that is done for another...is counted as belonging to the person for whom it is done...." (Saint Thomas Aquinas). *Fr Philip*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 16th November 2025

SATURDAY 15 th Nov	6.00pm	Holy Souls For the People of the Parish
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OT		
SUNDAY 16 th Nov	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Deceased members of the Fleming & Molloy families (Elizabeth Johnston)
	12noon	St Peter: For Our Dearly Departed
MONDAY 17 th Nov	10.00am	Special Intentions Liam Collins (Frances Hirst)
TUESDAY 18 th Nov	10.00am	St Justus: Rena & Bert Radecke RIP (Barry Weston) In thanksgiving (Mrs M Thakerer)
WED 19 th Nov		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 20 th Nov	10.00am	Special Intentions Liam Collins (Tina Kirk)
FRIDAY 21 st Nov	10.00am	Etheldreda Mahoney RIP (Mahoney family)
SATURDAY 22 nd Nov	10.00am	Fr Saju 25 th Anniversary (Tina Kirk)
	6.00pm	Welfare of Teddy Darnel (Lawlor family) For the People of the Parish
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		
SUNDAY 23 rd Nov	8.30am	St Justus: Deceased members of Bowman, Bennett & Brennan families (Vivienne Bowman)
	10.00am	Charlotte Ford RIP (Alice Ford) Tony & Maria Chainey RIP John Collins RIP (Catherine Collins)
	12noon	St Peter: David Bogie RIP & family

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
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

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 15th, 29th Nov. 13th Dec

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The Lifeboat, parish bereavement support: these supportive monthly sessions for the bereaved of the parish will re-commence after Christmas. If help is needed please contact the parish office who will pass on calls to Isabelle and Sheila.

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.

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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.

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 have a Christmas Wish List, please see parish noticeboards. Donations 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: 40-36-35Acc 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 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.

NEXT SUNDAY we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King which ends the Church's Liturgical Year C. The following Sunday begins the Season of Advent and Year A, the year of Matthew.

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. MT Solar. Thank you for your generosity.

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Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531) Gift Aid email:- Tonbridgegac2@rcaos.org.uk

Weekend 8/9 November 2025 Offertories:-

Gift Aid Envelopes:- £180.00 **Cash:-** £373.65

Card Machine (Oct): £269.00 **SO Online (Oct):** £5,640.00

2nd Collection:- Archbishop's Appeal Fund £457.36

Malawi Solar Lights donations can be Gift-aided.

PARISH NOTICES THIS WEEKEND We have our annual appeal, given by Jill Davison, and collection for Solar Lights for Malawi.

NEXT WEEKEND is National Youth Sunday and there is a second collection which supports youth work in the diocese and beyond.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL will be meeting on 17th November at 7.30pm in the Hall. Minutes of discussions will be shared after the meeting. If any Parishioner wishes to raise a matter for the Council to consider at that meeting, please raise it via the Parish Office or to Fr Philip.

COFFEE IN THE FISHER HALL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS. With no take-up from the repeated appeals for more volunteers to serve coffee and biscuits in the Fisher Hall after Sunday Morning Mass, this weekly occasion will likely come to an end soon. There is a notice in the Narthex, requiring a positive response, asking for names to come forward.

CORPUS CHRISTI BAZAAR - 29 November (12-3pm) Just two weeks to go until the Bazaar! Please keep those donations coming in and return your completed Grand Draw ticket stubs and money to volunteers after Mass, or to the Parish Office ASAP. Any unsold/ unwanted tickets should also be returned for resale. Those, who have kindly agreed to provide food on the day, or to bake a cake for the cake stall, will be contacted with further details of arrangements over the next week or so. Above all, please save the date in your diary so you can come along to support this Parish event

ST JUSTUS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR next Saturday 11.00am-2.00pm in their hall. Donations of bottles, cakes, Christmassy items and Raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.

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, Penny, Rena Pope and Rosemary Rowley. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Margaret Simons, John Gooden, Margaret Smith, Richard O'Donnell, Craig Gogley, Mary Woodhouse, Elizabeth Dawson and Mary Kieley.