



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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Pope Leo XIV Please pray for our newly elected Pope Leo XIV, he has a big job ahead of him so we must pray continually for him.

Gospel Reflection on Good Shepherd Sunday.

Jesus speaks of himself as the leader of God's flock, the Good Shepherd, walking in front of the sheep, as the way, the truth and the life for all those who are truly seeking to be in God's sheepfold Today, perhaps more than ever, in the face of so much loss of morality and direction in life, where apathy and mistrust abound in the social, political and even religious realms, we need to hear again the strong message of Jesus. The Lord is indeed our Good Shepherd, guiding us in right paths, giving us courage and strength even in our darkest moments, spreading a banquet for us and inviting us to dwell in God's house forever. If that be the case, then truly we shall not want for anything! The gentle message of the Lord today is applicable to all, the rich and the poor, the well and the infirm, the young and the old, leaders and followers, saints and sinners. No one is to be excluded from Jesus' sheepfold and all are lovingly invited to it. The shepherd knows his sheep, Jesus says, and he knows each of us. Nothing is hidden from God's sight, so we can never pretend to be other than what we are: a flock that has been loved into being. As individuals, endowed with free will, we are capable of straying from the fold and seeking our own will rather than God's. However, the good shepherd never leaves the flock untended, and is always seeking the return of the stray, finding the lost and the discouraged among the sheep. God continually gives grace so that we, the sheep of his flock, may truly adhere to the one thing necessary, namely, participation in God's life, which Jesus came to give us to the full by dying a bitter death yet rising from the dead. "By his wounds you were healed," says Saint Peter in the second lesson for this Sunday (First Letter of Saint Peter 2:24). Could there be a richer consolation for our weary hearts? *Fr Philip*

THE PRAYER FOR THE POPE Response: The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

MASS AND INTENTIONS 11 th May 2025			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 CHERUBS IN THE HALL BEFORE 10AM MASS ON SUNDAYS HOLY FACE DEVOTION AT 10.30AM SATS AND 1 ST TUES AT ST. JUSTUS
SATURDAY 10 th May	6.00pm	Anniversary Thanksgiving Eleanor & Martin Smith	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
SUNDAY 11 th May	8.30am	St Justus: Larry Eastwell RIP (Jacinta Goldup)	
	10.00am	In thanksgiving for the election of Pope Leo XIV For the People of the Parish	
	12noon	St. Peter: Special Intentions Isobel Parsons (Ingrid La Trobe)	
MONDAY 12 th May	10.00am	In thanksgiving for Matthew Gilliat-Smith (Lucy Langridge)	
	11.30am	Requiem Mass for Tony Rowley	
TUESDAY 13 th May	10.00am	St Justus: In thanksgiving (Loiselle Downing)	
SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE			
WED 14 th May		Priest celebrates Mass privately	
THURSDAY 15 th May	10.00am	Rlias Pavlidis RIP (Margaret Pavlidis)	
FRIDAY 16 th May	10.00am	Vincent Almeida RIP (Almeida family)	
SATURDAY 17 th May	10.00am	Judith Hirst RIP (Frances Hirst)	
	6.00pm	Alan Branch RIP (Maura Branch)	
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)			
SUNDAY 18 th May	8.30am	St Justus: Wilson family (Claire Hutton)	
	10.00am	Harold Blackaby RIP (Elizabeth Johnston)	
	12noon	St Peter: For the People of the Parish	

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 – Stefano
Next meetings Saturdays 03/05, 17/05, 14/06 after 6.00pm Mass.

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)

Next meeting Saturday 31st May at 11.30am in St Peter, Hadlow. This informal, friendly group is here for all those who have been bereaved, whether recently or years ago. Please ring Isabelle 07873953423 or Sheila 07840 489204 for further information.

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.

CONFESSION: Sat 10.30am – 11.00am 5pm-5.45pm at CC; St Justus-after Tuesday morning mass

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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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.

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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)

FROM ALL AT ST VINCENT DE PAUL Thank you for your donations. Please continue to support our St Vincent de Paul collection box at the back of church. There is a great need for baby food, nappies and toiletries.

COMMUNITY STOREHOUSE, PADDOCK WOOD Please continue with your donations in the New Year. Cash donations, Tesco & Waitrose vouchers are welcome.

CORPUS CHRISTI BLESSING OF THE GRAVES will take place on Sunday 8th June 12noon at Tonbridge Cemetery. More details to follow.

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. Thank you for your generosity.

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Cheques for the Parish made payable to RCAS Tonbridge.

Weekend 3/4 May 2025

Offertories :- Gift Aid £130.00 & Cash £313.00

Card Machine (April) £325.00

Standing Orders (April) £5,895.00

PARISH NOTICES

THIS WEEKEND there is a second collection for the Priest Training Fund (Ecclesiastical Education) this meets the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

CORPUS CHRISTI today at 10.00am Mass there will be the May ceremony of the Crowning of Our Lady.

NEXT SUNDAY IS SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY There will be some leaflets available with information about the diocese's safeguarding with contact details.

CHERUBS. We are still looking for volunteers to join our team. Even if you can only commit to once a month or just occasionally, it will still be a huge help to us. If you'd like to find out more, please contact Christina on 07963 783299.

SALUT-MALAWI thanks the parish for their continued support. On our last Saturday we packed 17 more boxes, bringing our total to 47 for 2025 so far. Our final day for packing is 20 May so please continue to put your donations, especially for girls aged 11 to 16 in the box in the Narthex.

ST JUSTUS MAY FAIR ON 17th MAY. 11.00am -2.00pm at the Church Hall. Please come along and make it a great success, all are welcome! **ITEMS ARE STILL NEEDED** Bottles, good quality Bric-a-Brac, unwanted gifts. All donations gratefully received. Please contact parish office or leave in the narthex at St Justus. Thank you.

ST JUSTUS Today 8.30am Mass there will be the May ceremony of the Crowning of Our Lady

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, James Feeley, Nicky Byrne, Richard Perry ,Ronnie Brown, Mary Girdlestone, Nigel Green, Martyn Bowman, Frank Moffatt, Brian Bayross, Rachel Branch, Gerard Jones, Gloria Gorringer, Christi Morgan, Penny Bridgland, Rena Pope, Rosemary Rowley and Debbie Corkery. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Jean Croucher, Anne Thompson, Keith Viner, Gerard Murphy, Anne-Marie Smith, Ellen Piddington and Ian Pingualt