



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



Corpus Christi

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ONE PARISH

ONE FAMILY

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THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST -29th August, Memorial John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist was sent by God to prepare for the coming of Jesus and as a result suffered the fate of many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The Church celebrates the passion of St. John the Baptist who died approximately A.D. 30. We know from the Bible that he was the cousin of Jesus, the son of St. Elizabeth, and also the nephew of our Lady. King Herod knew that John was a holy man, and he liked to hear John's words, although he didn't take them to heart. He knew that he had to get control of him because of the crowds he was starting to build. He was afraid to kill him, so instead he had him imprisoned. According to the Gospels, Herod had imprisoned John because he spoke out about Herod divorcing his wife, and unlawfully taking the wife of his brother. On Herod's birthday, his new wife's daughter danced before the king and his guests. Her dancing pleased Herod so much that in his drunkenness he promised to give her anything she desired, up to half of his kingdom. When the daughter asked her mother what she should ask for, she was told to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod was appalled by the request but reluctantly agreed and had John the Baptist executed in prison. St. John the Baptist was beheaded, and his head was placed on a platter and given to Herod's daughter. Herod also feared that St. John's influence and power over the people might cause a rebellion. Over time, Herod had suffered military disaster at the hands of Aretas his father-in-law, and many believed it was God's punishment for his unrighteous behaviour, and for taking the life of John the Baptist. He is patron saint of baptism and conversion to faith.

'O God, who willed that Saint John the Baptist should go ahead of your Son both in his birth and in his death, grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice, we, too, may fight hard for the confession of what you teach. Amen'

MASS AND INTENTIONS 24th August 2025

SATURDAY 23rd Aug	6.00pm	Gerard Jones RIP (Mary Wand)
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OT (C)		
SUNDAY 24 th Aug	8.30am	St Justus: John snr, Mollie & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)
	10.00am	God's Blessings on Sue Medwin (Jackie Almeida) For the People of the Parish
	12noon	St. Peter: Judith & David Bogie RIP Florence O'Grady
MONDAY 25 th Aug	10.00am	Special Intentions Fr Behruz Ra'fat (Tina Kirk)
TUESDAY 26 th Aug	10.00am	St Justus: Hilda Bache RIP (Jan Harman)
WED 27 th Aug		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 28 th Aug	10.00am	Special Intentions Fr Peter Murphy (Tina Kirk)
THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST		
FRIDAY 29 th Aug	10.00am	Special Intentions Martina Wilkins (Tina Kirk)
SATURDAY 30 th Aug	10.00am	Special Intentions Fr Peter Murphy (Frances Hirst)
	6.00pm	Special Intentions Ken Marsh (Tina & Frances)
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OT (C)		
SUNDAY 31 st Aug	8.30am	St Justus: Anastacia Albasin (Simplicia Ramm)
	10.00am	Nigel Green RIP (Frances Hirst)
	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
CHERUBS
IN THE HALL BEFORE
10AM MASS ON
SUNDAYS
HOLY FACE DEVOTION
AT 10.30AM SATS AND
1ST TUES 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 – Stefano
Will resume again 6 September.

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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 there are parishioners who need more urgent bereavement support before then, we can offer telephone support to talk through their situation, and their needs. These phone calls need to be booked and should be arranged through the parish office. From Isabelle and Sheila.

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

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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)

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.

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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Gift Aid:- Tony Mahoney (01732 773 531)

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Weekend 17/18 Aug Offertories:

Gift Aid Envelopes:- £201.30

Cash:- £299.7

Card Machine (July): £297.00

Monthly Online (July): £5,858.00

PARISH NOTICES

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH CLEANING Volunteers are needed. If this is something that you would like to do, please sign up on the list in the Narthex. You will be contacted to arrange the groups. Thank you.

PARISH COFFEE there is no Sunday coffee after Mass during August.

PARISH COFFEE SUNDAY AFTER MASS We now have an organiser for the Rotas, who will be initially contacting the teams to see who wish to continue and those who wish to stand down. We are in desperate need for new teams to go on the rota on the allocated Sundays.

STANDING ORDER PAYERS (CC) There are still second collection envelopes left in the Narthex, please pick yours up as you will soon be needing them soon!

'Life is made up of little things.

A hint of yesterday

a promise for tomorrow:

of love, laughter, smiles and

making the most of each moment

that God has given us.' Anon

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 Bridgland, 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 Vincent Gowin, Bernard Wells, Leslaw Pazowski, Judith Bogie, Edward Powney, Mary Gordon, Hilda Bache, Stasha Kuscuik and Brian Ward.