



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



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Welcome Fr James Yeboah This weekend we welcome Fr James Yeboah, who will be with us for the month of August, to cover for me while I am away. Fr James is from Ghana and has worked in our diocese before. Please make him feel at home.

Readings reflections Those who have God and Our Lady in their lives have everything even if they have nothing, and those who do not have God and Our Lady in their lives have nothing even if they think they have everything! We can see that in the book from which our first reading today is taken—the book of Ecclesiastes, or Qoheleth as it is also called. Qoheleth simply means “Preacher.” A well-known part of his book elsewhere (chapter 3) says there is a time for everything: there is a time to be born, a time to die, a time for tears, a time to laugh. Qoheleth could be seen as somewhat pessimistic because for him everything happens at a time that is fixed and decided. For that reason, Qoheleth finds life meaningless. Why? Because everyone must die. That is why he says repeatedly in the book, and as we heard today, “Vanity of vanities.” (Eccl/Qoh 1:2) He was struggling with the meaning of life because he lived a couple of centuries before Jesus and did not know about Jesus. Even though Qoheleth did not know, he was really searching for Jesus. What is translated as “vanity” in our Bibles, in the original Hebrew is really “mist/fog/breath.” Qoheleth finds life misty and foggy because he does not know Jesus. Life was certainly not misty or foggy for Paul. Our second reading today from Paul’s letter to the Colossians ended beautifully: “Christ is all and in all.” (Col 3:11) Jesus is all. It means Jesus is everything that matters; Jesus is all that matters. Secondly it says Jesus is in all which means Jesus is in everyone who has accepted to live the new life of Jesus after baptism. *Cont’d on page 2*

MASS AND INTENTIONS 3 rd August 2025			WEEKLY IN THE PARISH
SATURDAY 2 nd Aug	6.00pm	Michelle Weston RIP (T Fleming)	
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OT (C)			
SUNDAY 3 rd Aug	8.30am	St Justus: Vera & Philip Weston RIP (Barry Weston)	
	10.00am	Jean & John O’Shea RIP	
	12noon	St. Peter: Welfare of Richard Shaw (Jacqui Shaw) For the People of the Parish	
MONDAY 4 th Aug	10.00am	Welfare of Jane Manlow (Tina Kirk) Daniel & Elizabeth Wall	
TUESDAY 5 th Aug	10.00am	St Justus: John & Mary McNulty RIP	
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD			
WED 6 th Aug		<i>Priest offers Mass privately</i>	
THURSDAY 7 th Aug	10.00am	Holy Souls (Liam Collins)	
FRIDAY 8 th Aug	10.00am	Gerard Jones RIP (David Burford)	
SATURDAY 9 th Aug	10.00am 6.00pm	Deceased members of the Geoghegan family (Gwen Blyth) Intentions Steve Collins (Catherine Collins)	
NINETEENTH SUNDAY OT (C)			
SUNDAY 10 th Aug	8.30am	St Justus: Sister Mary Baptiste & Sister Mary Ethna RIP (Marie Marriott)	
	10.00am	Welfare of Peter Spokes & family (Maria Neves)	
	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**

That is why just before this, the letter gives a list of actions that should not be part of the lives of anyone following Jesus: "Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another." (Col 3:5, 9) These are not part of the life of someone living the life of Jesus after baptism. That is why the reading said, If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God (Col 3:1) and you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self. (Col 3:9-10) That is because "Christ is all and in all." (Col 3:11) Jesus is all, Jesus is in all Jesus is everything that matters, Jesus is in everyone who has accepted to live his new life.

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.

'THE LIFEBOAT' (PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP)

Next meeting September 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. **NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST**

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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Weekend 26/27July Offertories:-

Gift Aid Envelopes:- £226.00

Cash:- £313.65 Card Machine (June): £455.00

Monthly Online (June): £6,845.00

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 SUNDAY AFTER MASS CC Frances will be giving up organising the coffee rota from September. If you are willing to take this on please let the parish office know. We are also in desperate need for new teams to go on the rota on the allocated Sundays as a few of the teams are giving up.

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

THE HOLY FACE DEVOTION at St. Justus' next Tuesday, 5th August, has had to be cancelled, due to unexpected circumstances. Mass will be as usual, but the church will be unavailable afterwards on that day. The next prayer meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd September, starting as usual with rosary before Mass and the Holy Face Devotion afterwards. The rosary and Holy Face Devotion will be as usual at Corpus Christi Church every Saturday morning before and after 10am Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK&HOUSEBOUND OF THE PARISH: Bob King, James Feeley, 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 Maria Argento, Deacon Bill Eason, Patrick Whelan and George Bean.