



# 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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**Penitential Service** Monday 23rd May 2026 at 7pm, there will be a penitential service for Lent at Corpus Christi Church, please come along, there will be visiting priests.

**Gospel Reflection.** The Gospel of John presents us with the last and greatest of the miracles worked by Jesus at Bethany: the raising of Lazarus the friend of Jesus. This story is found only in the Fourth Gospel, although the other Gospels do tell of people being raised from the dead. Today we are shown that death, the ultimate enemy, is no longer something that is to be feared. Here we need to understand the nature of how death is related to all of us, so that we may be better able to appreciate the significance of what we read in our Scripture passages. What Jesus is revealing to Martha, who loves Him, is that all are destined for eternal life – that death is a transition, it is not the end. He says, “I am the way, I am the truth and I am the life” Jn:14:6. In this dark moment Martha and Mary cling on to their trust in Jesus who, in response reveals an astonishing truth – He did not come to end suffering but to transform it. “I am the Resurrection. If anyone believes in me though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die”. Jn:11:25-26. They are given a life-changing insight and revelation. Jesus has brought Lazarus back to life. John in this story challenges our perception of death, the truly dead are not only those who have stopped breathing, but those who are trapped by fear, shame and control. The raising of Lazarus confronts us with a radical question, are we the dying waiting for the end, or are we the living waiting for the Resurrection? *Fr Philip*

### MASS AND INTENTIONS 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	6.00pm	Felix Almeida RIP (Almeida family)
SUNDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> Carlene Ford RIP (Barry Weston)
	10.00am	Nicholas Rafferty RIP (Jean Rafferty)
	12noon	<b>St. Peter:</b> For the People of the Parish
MONDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	10.00am	Alan Branch RIP Welfare of Rachel Branch & Terence O’Hare (Maura Branch)
TUESDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	<b>St Justus:</b> In thanksgiving for the safe delivery of Ava Rose Marriott (Marie Marriott) Followed by Stations of the Cross
<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>		
WED 25 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am	<b>St Peter:</b> Stations of the Cross <i>Priest celebrates Mass privately</i>
THURSDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Edward Wade RIP (Suzy Wood)
FRIDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am 7.30pm	God’s blessings on Leila & Steve Sellen & family (Steve & Leila) <b>Corpus Christi:</b> Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	David Thomas RIP (Lorraine)
	6.00pm	Paul Devlin RIP (Lisa Nicholls) For the People of the Parish
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)</b>		
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	8.30am	<b>St Justus:</b> John Snr, Mollie & Gerard Murphy RIP (Jacinta Goldup)
	10.00am	Claude Holloway RIP (Suzy Wood)
	12noon	<b>St Peter:</b> Deacon Joe & Anne Parsons RIP (Isabelle Parsons)

**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**  
**ON TUESDAYS 9.20 AM**

**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. Next meeting dates 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**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 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. **CONGRATULATIONS** to Fiadh Delaney & Joseph Wood who were baptized this weekend and to their parents and Godparents.

**CONFIRMATION** [tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk) Please watch the weekly newsletter for date for Registration

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** [tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tonbridge@rcaos.org.uk)

**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 donations, which can be left in the Narthex at St Justus. If you'd prefer, 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** 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.

**SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** 21-28 August 2026 Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocesan-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/> Full details are on Corpus Christi’s website

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**A REMINDER THAT CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND.**

**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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WE 14/15 March Offertories:-

Gift Aid Envelopes:- £170.00\_Cash:- £401.47

SO Online (Feb):- £5,600.00\_Card Machine (Feb):- £274.00

**PARISH NOTICES**

**THIS WEEKEND** there is a second collection for Poor Parishes, this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

**NEXT SUNDAY** – CC Palm Sunday Mass starts 9.50am in the Hall.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY MANDATUM (CC)** If you would like to have your feet washed please sign up on the list in the Narthex.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCHING AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE (CC)** There is a sign up list in the Narthex.

**ALTAR SERVERS (Corpus Christi)** Please sign up on the list in the Sacristy for the services that you will be able to serve for Holy Week and Easter.

**THANK YOU** to Corpus Christi readers who offered their services for Holy Week & Easter. You will receive an email with your specified reading.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SOCIAL MORNING** - The next meeting is on Tuesday, 31st March at 10.00am in Fisher Hall for Coffee & Chat. The speaker will be George Bushwell on Blue Plaques in Tonbridge. All welcome. We would appreciate any help in setting out the tables and chairs before the meeting.

**MASS INTENTIONS** We now have availability for weekends & weekdays at Corpus Christi. Your offerings are a vital income to your priests as they do not receive a salary. There are envelopes available for this purpose or you can request an Intention via email also call in to the Parish Office. Please make sure to include your name, weekend or weekday preference and who the Intention is for & its nature eg RIP, Welfare, Special Intentions. This information is needed as each Intention has to be entered in the Mass Register.

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES SHEET AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND. PLEASE TAKE ONE AND KEEP HANDY!**

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, Christi Morgan, Rena Pope, Rosemary Rowley. & James Stone. HOLY SOULS: Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, especially Gloria Gorringe and for those whose anniversaries fall at this time Eileen Presnell, Leslie Green, Nicholas Rafferty, Josephine Smith, Alan Branch, Lily Wells and Gabrielle Kavanagh.