

CHRIST THE KING & ST. COLMAN (Bitterne) OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION (Hedge End) ST. BRIGID (West End)

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B, Cycle II

9th June 2024

We Are Members Of The Victorious Family of Christ

Genesis 3:9-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

On this tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time and as we celebrate the Feast of St. Colman, an Irish Missionary to the native tribes in Germany in the 7th Century AD, the Church reminds us that as humans, we all have an existential struggle against evil. However, the good news is that we are illuminated through the assurance of victory in Christ, who helps us to obtain this victory in our daily and earthly struggle against evil.

The first reading is from the story of the fall of Adam and Eve. It is an integral part of our salvific history which reminds us of something that we inherited from them. That is, the adamic nature due to Original Sin – concupiscence. Also, it reminds us of the consequences of disobedience. Rather than accept their fault, they tried to justify themselves by blaming each other. Adam blamed: “the woman you (God) gave me.” Of course, he did not blame the woman alone, he also indirectly blamed God who generously and kindly gave him a partner. On the other hand, Eve blamed: “the serpent that tempted me.” Blame rained upon blame! It was hard to accept their fault. None of them said, ‘I am sorry, I was wrong, it was my fault or even, please forgive me.’ Instead, they found excuses to exonerate themselves and, someone else must take the blame. Excuses do not absolve faults. Rather, what helps is humbly accepting one’s fault and asking for forgiveness.

In the second reading, Paul simply brings to light the significant characteristics of a life lived in faith. With the words of the psalmist, he testifies: “We also believe and therefore we speak (Ps. 116:10), knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us.” Yes, this is a great profession of faith.” Through this, Paul reminds us that preaching (speaking) the gospel is possible only because of faith. He also reminds us that despite our difficulties and existential struggles against evil in our world, grace strengthens our faith. Grace and faith keep us steadfast and focused on the glory of eternal life ahead.

Today’s gospel narrates Jesus’ encounter with his people and family. They thought he was out of his mind, and so they wanted to bring him home. But for Jesus, every true disciple is, His brother, sister, mother and a member of his victorious family. He came to save all who are ready to do the will of God. Of course, Mary his Mother is a great model of this for all of us. Hence, Christ did not disrespect his own faithful mother. Rather, he teaches an important lesson today. That, through faith and obedience to God’s will, we all have the opportunity to become members of his victorious and happy family. Furthermore, Christ reminds us that it is not status, but action in response to God’s call that determines who belongs to his victorious family. To become part of the victorious family of Christ is a dynamic process. It flows from a personal encounter with Christ. It also flows from faithfulness and obedience to God’s will. Hence, if we are disciples of Christ, we must prove it through our faith and obedience to God’s will.

Finally, Adam and Eve enjoyed the status and comfort of God’s divine presence but, they lost it through disobedience. Through them, we equally lost our membership of the victorious family. However, the good news is that through faith in Christ (the seed of Mary), and obedience to God’s will, our membership of the victorious family has been restored. In the one great family of Christ the King and St. Colman, we are all the family of God.

I wish you all a very happy

Feast of St. Colman.

Fr. Elijah

Baptism of Daniel Jordan Avorga

We welcome Daniel Jordan Avorga who will be baptised at Christ the King and St Colman Church on Sunday 9th June at the 11am Mass.

Please keep Daniel and his family in your prayers.

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time **9th June**

- 9.15am **Our Lady of the Assumption** (Hedge End)
For the people
- 11.00am **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)
Margaret Mary Sadler (RIP)
(Baptism of Daniel Jordan Avorga)
- 5.30pm **St. Brigid** (West End)
For the people
- 6.00pm **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)
Polish Mass

Weekday Mass Times (11th June – 16th June)

OLA – Our Lady of the Assumption (Hedge End)

CKSC – Christ the King & St. Colman (Bitterne)

SB – St Brigid (West End)

- Tue 11th 10.00am **OLA** *Special intention*
- Wed 12th 10.00am **SB** **NO MASS TODAY**
- 10.00am *Funeral for Kathleen Fisher at Wessex Vale Cemetery*
- Thu 13th 10.00am **CKSC**
- 11:30am *Funeral for Bridget Steele at South Stoneham Cemetery Chapel*
- Fri 14th 10.00am **OLA** *Margret Nesbitt RIP*
- 1.00pm *Funeral for Margret Dunnings at Wessex Vale Cemetery*
- Sat 15th 10.00am **CKSC** *For the people*
- Sun 16th 9.15am **OLA** *In thanksgiving for 1st Holy Communion children and their families*
- 11.00am **CKSC** *For Margaret Mary (Marie) Sadler RIP on the 5th anniversary of her death*
- 5.30pm **SB**
- 6.00pm **CKSC** *Polish Mass*

Exposition & Rosary at 9.30am before Mass (Tues – Fri)
Sacrament of Confession is available on request

Please consider offering Mass Intentions for families and friends (contact Fr. Elijah or Parish Office)

Confirmation

Our last Confirmation meeting will be 19th June. **The confirmation date is 30th June at 3pm at Portsmouth cathedral.**

Please pray for those going forward to receive the sacrament of confirmation.

St Colman's celebration BBQ – 9th June

St Colman's celebration BBQ will include a second-hand sale on Sunday 9th June to raise much needed funds for our parish. **ITEMS WANTED!** Must be in a re-sellable condition: Books, games, toys, toiletries, bags, DVDs, CDs, household items, accessories, unused gifts, stationery etc.

Please place your donated items in the boxes in the church porch by Saturday 8th June. If you want to help then please speak to Sonia or Richard Davis, or send an email into the parish office. Thank you.

St Colman's Car Park closure – 9th June

The car park at CKSC will be closed this Sunday due to the St Colman's celebration and BBQ.

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80TH ANNIVERSARY

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who paid and continue to pay the ultimate price for our freedom, particularly the freedom to practise our faith.

Our Lady of the Assumption

Mass of Thanksgiving & Celebration for our First Holy Communion Children & Families

The 9.15am Holy Mass on Sunday 16th June at Our Lady of the Assumption will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving & Celebration led by our First Holy Communion Children.

Following Mass there will be a Celebration Breakfast in the hall of Bacon/Sausages in a roll, cake together with Tea/Coffee/Juice etc.

Please do come along and join the children and families in thanksgiving and celebration of this special time in their Faith journey. We look forward to welcoming you.

Second Collection for "Day of Life" on 16th June

The second collection on 16th June is for 'Day for Life' be advertised in the newsletter. The collection is due to take place on the 16th June.

OPEN CHURCH: Our Lady of the Assumption

Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Hedge End is open for private prayer every Thursday from 10am until midday. To join the rota, please contact Pauline or Jane.

CKSCOLASB Calendar of Events

OLA – Our Lady of the Assumption (Hedge End)

CKSC – Christ the King & St. Colman (Bitterne)

SB – St Brigid (West End)

Sun 9 th	12.30-2pm Youth Meeting (CKSC) Tea, Coffee, Cake after Holy Mass (SB Hall)
Tue 11 th	9.30am-12pm Table Tennis (OLA Hall) 7.30-9pm Growing in Faith (OLA)
Thu 13 th	10.30am-12pm Prayer Group (CKSC) 10am-12 noon Open Church (OLA)
Fri 14 th	7.30pm Choir Practise in church hall (CKSC)
Sun 16 th	Children's Liturgy during Mass (OLA)
Tue 18 th	9.30am-12pm Table Tennis (OLA Hall) 7.30-9pm Growing in Faith (OLA)
Wed 19 th	7.00-8.30pm Carer's Group (OLA Hall)
Thu 20 th	10.30am-12pm Prayer Group (CKSC) 10am-12 noon Open Church (OLA)
Sun 23 rd	12.30-2pm Youth Meeting (CKSC)
Tue 25 th	9.30am-12pm Table Tennis (OLA Hall) 7.30-9pm Growing in Faith (OLA)
Thu 27 th	10.30am-12pm Prayer Group (CKSC) 10am-12 noon Open Church (OLA)
Fri 28 th	7.30pm Choir Practise in church hall (CKSC)

Recurring Events

Our Lady of The Assumption (Hedge End)

- **Tea Coffee, Biscuits, Friendly Chat** (and often cake) in the hall every Sunday after Holy Mass
- **Children's Liturgy** during Mass every 3rd Sunday of the Month (except in July/August)
- **Carers Group** on third Wednesday of every Month from 7.00pm to 8.30pm
- **Growing in Faith** every Tuesday evening 7:30-9pm
- **Table Tennis** every Tuesday from 9.30am to 12pm
- **Open Church** every Thursday from 10am-12pm

Christ the King & St. Colman (Bitterne)

- **Prayer Group** every Thursday 10.30am-12 noon
- **Children's Liturgy** for 4 to 7-year-olds every Sunday
- **Faith on Fire** 8-9pm last Wednesday of every month except **March, April, May, June, December**
- **Youth Meetings** 12:30 -14:00 on 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month
- **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits & friendly chat** in the hall every 1st Sunday of the month
- **Choir practice in hall** - 7:30pm on 2nd & 4th Friday each month. All welcome.

St Brigids (West End)

- **Tea, coffee & cake** every 2nd Sunday of the month after Mass

If you would like a future event to be included in the Calendar of Events, kindly advise the Parish office.

Faith on Fire group not meeting until July

There will be no Faith on Fire for March, April, May and June, until after the confirmation on 30th June.

Life in the Spirit Course (Invitation)

Judith Aylmer (supported by Russ Fairman) from the Portsmouth Diocese Life in the Spirit team invites you to sign up for the next online session on Thursday evenings

- Thursday 13th June to Thursday 18th July
- 7.30pm until 9pm

There is an excellent line-up of speakers including Fr Paul Leonard, Alastair Emblem (ADORE), Geoff Poulter (Called and Gifted), Gary Stephens (New Dawn), Allegra Mutanda (Director of Evangelisation at St. Peters and The Winchester Martyrs) and Charles Whitehead.

There is also an in-person **Holy Spirit Day** on **Saturday 29th June**. This powerful experience has been life changing for so many.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

Please can anyone who has been, is currently, or wishes to be a Eucharistic Minister contact the church office so we can update our information.

We are especially in need of ministers who would be willing to visit parishioner at home or their place of care.

Father Elijah is talking to the deanery about Eucharistic minister training. The idea is that those who have previously done a course should carry out refresher training.

As yet no date has been set for training.

Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee

On Ascension Day the Holy Father presented and read the Bull of Indiction that announced and 'launched' the Jubilee Year 2025.



The Diocesan webpage for the Jubilee Year is: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/>.

Parish Web Pages on Diocesan Website

Parish web pages are on the diocesan website at:

- [Christ the King & St Colman](#)
- [Our Lady of the Assumption](#)
- [St Brigid](#)

They can also be selected from

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parishes/

Continuing Support of the Church

Please consider setting up a **standing order**.

For Christ the King & St Colman:

Account Name: CDP Christ the King & St Colman

Sort code: 30-93-04

Account Number: 00887553

For Our Lady of the Assumption and St Brigid:

Account Name: CDP Hedge End Our Lady

Sort code: 30-93-04

Account Number: 00879747

Please use your surname as a reference.

Make out cheques for Fr Elijah to Rev Fru N Elijah

Thank you for your support.

Safeguarding E-Learning

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has developed the Learning Management System (LMS) as an online learning platform specifically for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Training is now aligned with the nature of the role the volunteer is undertaking and 3 modules are available:

Level 1 – Casual volunteers (roles with no DBS eligibility).

Level 2 – Volunteers who hold a role with DBS eligibility but do not require a check of the barred list.

Level 3 – Volunteers who hold a role with DBS eligibility, including a check of the barred list.

Level 3 is mandatory for anyone who holds a role within the parish working with either

- children
- adults at risk or those who might otherwise be vulnerable.

Training must be refreshed every 2 years.

If your training is not up-to-date, please register for either face-to-face or on-line training at:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/safeguarding/training/>

or scan the QR-code.



SVP and CAFOD working together

St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

Funeral of Margaret Dunning

The funeral of Margaret Dunning will take place at the Wessex Vale Crematorium on Friday 14th June at 1pm. A requiem Mass will be celebrated for her on Saturday 22nd June at 6pm at Christ the King & St Colman church.

Hedge End & West End Parish Donation Day

Our Parish Donation Day will be on Sunday 7th July 2024. This is our main fund-raising event of the year towards the maintenance and upkeep of our churches in Hedge End and West End.

Please be as generous as you possibly can, to support the present and future of our parish community and its continuing part in the work of the Lord. There will be an appeal in both churches on Sunday 9th June. Envelopes for donations will be given out from these dates to be returned on Parish Donation Day.

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CKSC Repository

New boxed rosaries are now in stock at the back of church. Cost is £6 each, and payment may be by cash in the long red box or via the contactless machine – category 'Repository'.

A new selection of cards including 'Thank-You' and blank cards is also available, all at £1 each.

Sunday's Readings:

Daily Readings

<https://universalis.com/europe.english/20240609/mass.htm>

Reflections

<http://www.mycatholic.com/>

Diocesan eNews

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

UK Catholic Newspapers

<https://www.churchpaper.co.uk>

Caritas Portsmouth - Refugee Week

There are two online events for Refugee Week where we look to make our communities more welcoming to those arriving in our country. 13th June from 6-7pm with Caritas Plymouth and Tuesday 18th June from 12:30-1pm to hear from a parish project. Registration links can be found on our website caritasportsmouth.org.uk