

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

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

Registered Charity number 1199568

Parish Priest: Fr. Elijah Fru Nde (emergency use phone number 0777 466 7010)

Parish Safeguarding Coordinator: Michael Ingram (safeguarding.soukc@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

Office: 2 Dean Road, Bitterne, Southampton SO18 6AP – Open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am–1pm

Phone **023 8044 9088**, Email ckscolasb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Website: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parishes/>

Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles

30TH June 2024

God calls us from our brokenness that he might transform us for his mission

Today, we celebrate the feast day of two very prominent figures and pillars of the Church: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles (transferred from Yesterday 29th June). They were both great sinners, yet God did not curse nor abandon them. He rather called them from their sinfulness and transformed them for his mission. St. Peter was a fisherman called while fishing and he left his boat to follow Christ in a journey during which he was transformed to be a fisher of men. In Lk. 5:8, after acknowledging his sinfulness, Peter requested Christ to depart from him since he is a sinner. This weakness was further aggravated at the trial when Peter refused Jesus three times just because he never wanted to be associated with the passion of Christ or to suffer Martyrdom like him. Similarly, St. Paul, as Saul, was a persecutor of the faith and Christ called him on his journey to Damascus to persecute the Christians (Cfr. Acts. 9:1-19). The Lord appeared to him, and he fell from his horse and was blinded. He will rise transformed.

The first reading recalls Peter's miraculous release from prison where he had been held by King Herod. In the second reading, Paul, as if summarizing his entire apostolic and missionary activity, says: "I was rescued from the lion's mouth" (2 Tim. 4:17). Both testimonies show, in a certain sense, the common journey traveled by the two Apostles. Both were sent by Christ to proclaim the Gospel in an environment hostile to the work of salvation. Peter had already experienced this resistance in Jerusalem, where Herod, to win the favor of the Jews, had thrown him into prison, intending "to bring him out to the people" (Acts 12:4). But he was miraculously saved from Herod's hands, and thus he could complete his evangelizing mission, first in Jerusalem and later in Rome, putting all his energy into the service of the newborn Church.

Paul too, sent by the risen Christ to many pagan cities and peoples in the Roman Empire, encountered strong resistance from his compatriots and from the civil authorities. His letters are a splendid testimony to these difficulties and to the great struggle he had to endure for the Gospel cause. At the end of his mission, he could write as we have heard in our second reading

today: "My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith..." (2 Tim. 4:6-7).

"Who do you say I am?" This was Jesus' question directly to his apostles in today's gospel text. He intended them to tell him their own understanding of who he is, especially as they have witnessed him in the everyday unfolding of events: the miracles, the parables, etc. Ss. Peter and Paul, each with his own personal and ecclesial experience, understood Christ as the Son of God. We too, like these two great apostles, have a lot to learn especially as regards our own lives of witnessing. Christ came to call sinners not the righteous. When he called sinners, he transformed them making them into great witnesses: Zacchaeus, the tax collector paid back all those he has cheated upon; Matthew left his cash table and followed the Lord; the possessed were cleansed and they followed the Lord; the woman caught in adultery became a fervent disciple of the Lord, etc. When Jesus asked his disciples: "Who do you say I am?" he expected them to tell him something about what they have experienced and understood about him. They could not say who he was if they had not experienced him in a very personal way. Christ too calls each one of us from the different qualities of our life's backgrounds and wants us to come and be with him that we may experience him and then be able to say who he is. "Who do you say I am?" If we have not experienced Christ, how can we say who he is? God calls each one of us and then transform us that we might bear witness to him as was the two apostles, Peter and Paul. No matter how sinful we may be, so long as we are able to acknowledge our sinfulness and make, then we can become saints.

*I wish you all a very Happy Solemnity of
Ss Peter and Paul*

Fr. Elijah

SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles 30th June 2024

- 9.15am **Our Lady of the Assumption** (Hedge End)
11.00am **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)
John Amos RIP
- 6.00pm **St. Brigid** (West End) *For the people*
6.00pm **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)
Polish Mass

Weekday Mass Times (2nd – 7th July)

OLA – Our Lady of the Assumption (Hedge End)

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

SB – St Brigid (West End)

Tue 2 nd	10.00am	OLA	
Wed 3 rd	10.00am	SB	
Thu 4 th	10.00am	CKSC	<i>For the people</i>
Fri 5 th	3.30pm	OLA	<i>Funeral for Elizabeth Smith</i>
Sat 6 th	NO MASS		<i>Mass at St John's Cathedral celebrating 50th Anniversary of Bamenda-Portsmouth union</i>
Sun 7 th	9.15am	OLA	
	11.00am	CKSC	
	5.30pm	SB	
	6.00pm	CKSC	<i>Polish Mass</i>

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)

Second Collection this Sunday is for Peter's Pence

Our Lady of the Assumption BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST ! QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 26th July 2024

Please do come along and join in with our **Summer Fun Quiz Night** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall on **Friday 26th July** from **7.00pm** (to form teams) ready for a 7.30pm start.

Once again, there is no increase in the price of tickets. **£5.00 per adult - children free.**

Ticket price includes tea/coffee/squash and a **Ham/Cheese Ploughman's Supper**

Please bring your own alcoholic drinks and also bring some cash for a fun raffle!

Tickets will be on sale in our three churches from **SUNDAY 7th July** - why not put the date in your diary then come along and start the Summer Holidays off with this fun evening.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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.

Golden Jubilee Portsmouth Bamenda Twinning

The Archbishop of Bamenda, Andrew Nkea, together with 14 delegates, will be visiting our diocese of Portsmouth to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Portsmouth-Bamenda friendship (twinning) from Monday 1st July – Wednesday 10th July 2024. Key events to note are:

- Peak celebrations will be held in the Cathedral on **Saturday 6th July 2024** beginning with Holy Mass at 11am. Please, kindly note it will be wonderful to have us turn out in our numbers to mark this day. Note also that parking is restricted and payable.
- Next day on **Sunday 7th July 2024**, Mass will be in Christ the King and St. Colman Church, Bitterne, at 11am featuring all the delegates and an estimated 100 Cameroonians coming from the various ends of the UK. Considering that we will be dealing with a larger number on this day than usual, we appeal for great understanding and your generosity as we will be a bit tighter church.
- On this **Sunday 7th**, we appeal to all of us to “Bring and Share” in the car park. Lots of finger foods and soft drinks will greatly spark the day. This means that the car park will be closed for safety reasons and for space. Please, kindly use the parking opposite the Health Centre and or along the streets around [Not the Leisure Centre, unless you are a member].
- In view of **Sunday 7th July 2024** and considering that I [Fr. Elijah] will be hosting the Archbishop and some of the delegates throughout their stay here, I am personally appealing for your support in kind and cash to aid me with the hosting. Talk to me in person or the parish administration if you have a contribution to make. Thanks for your generosity.

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 was an appeal in both churches on Sunday 9th June. Envelopes for donations were given out and should please be returned on Parish Donation Day.

Keep in touch with Portsmouth Diocese

@PortsmouthRC Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

@PortsmouthRC

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/>

If you have news to share, contact:

communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CKSCOLASB Calendar of Events

OLA – Our Lady of the Assumption (Hedge End)

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

SB – St Brigid (West End)

JUNE

Thu 27th 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)

Fri 28th 7.30pm **Choir Practise** in church hall (CKSC)

JULY

Tue 2nd 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)

Thu 4th 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)

Sun 7th **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** after Holy Mass (CKSC)

Tue 9th 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)

Thu 11th 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)

Fri 13th 7.30pm **Choir Practise** in church hall (CKSC)

Sun 14th 12.30-2pm **Youth Meeting** (CKSC)
Tea, Coffee, Cake after Holy Mass (SB Hall)

Tue 16th 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)

Wed 17th 7.00-8.30pm **Carer's Group** (OLA Hall)

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.

Public Speaking in Church. Join our online training, learn tips and build your confidence

CAFOD are offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass. Come along to learn new skills, practise, and discover how you can inspire our congregation.

[Register here](#) to receive the link or use the QR code to the right with your mobile phone camera

Date and time:

Saturday 13 July, 11am-12pm
& Tuesday 16 July, 7pm-8pm.



Praise and Worship Evening

Friday 12th July - 7.30pm.

St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road.

Fareham. PO14 1ND

Theme - "The greatness of God"

Come and join us for an evening of scripture, a reflection, adoration, silence, prayer and worship. Sit, stand, kneel, sing or don't sing ... just come and be.

Followed by fellowship and seasonal light refreshments in the Hall. Bring your friends!

For more details, please contact us at;

01329 318 869 or

email; farehamportchester@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be at 3pm on 30th June in Portsmouth Cathedral.

Please pray for those going forward to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Life in the Spirit Course (Invitation)

Judith Aylmer (supported by Russ Fairman) invites you to sign up for the **Life in the Spirit** course. The course is run using Zoom and continues on Thursday evenings as follows:

- Thursday 27th June to Thursday 18th July
- 7.30pm until 9pm

It is not too late to join the course. Please use this link to register –

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlIf--trDwjGNAuzzyTiLVcwy7lzHwq87dG>

Note: Faith on Fire group will resume after Confirmation on 30th June.

Hedge End West End Botley Churches Together Big Top Heroes Holiday BIBLE CLUB

5th-9th August.

Discover the heroes of the bible. Children aged 5-11 years from all three of our churches are welcome. Following on from the Advent Activity Morning held at OLA hall in November, the venue for this summer's Holiday Bible Club is the Methodist church hall in Hedge End. OLA & St. Brigid's are both active members of HEWEB (Churches Together in Hedge End, West End & Botley). Contact Veronica Hoskins on 07847 475806 with any queries.

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/>

Attendees will receive certificates on completion of their training to support continuing ministry.

Our Lady of the Assumption 2025 - Our Big Year!

On Ascension Day, Pope Francis 'launched' the Jubilee Year 2025 with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope".

Also, in April 2025, Our Lady of the Assumption will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Church building (previously the church was in what is now our hall).

We need your ideas as to how, we can celebrate these 2 significant milestones. You are invited to please come along to an "Open Meeting" in the hall in the evening of Wednesday 10th July. Please come prepared to:

- share your memories of the past
- bring along photos, if you have some
- share ideas how we can celebrate our anniversary
- explore ways we can participate in the various diocesan jubilee events which you can find at <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-e-year-2025/>

Please consider and pray on "What are our aspirations and hopes for the future of our church?"

We would like the meeting on **10th July** to start promptly at **7.30pm**. Please come along earlier if you can from 7.00pm for a "chat and a cuppa beforehand". If you are interested and/or have ideas but know you can't make the meeting, please speak with Marion or Helen.

Hedge End & West End Monthly Income May – 24

Looseplate	£732.97
Standing orders & other direct payments	£2,147.50
Table tennis	£165.00
Hall Income	£225.20
Fund Raising	£28.00
CAFOD	£371.09

Sunday's Readings:

Daily Readings

<https://universalis.com/europe.english/20240630/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>