

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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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – Bamenda Sunday

3rd November 2024

Bamenda Sunday

Back in 1974, the then Diocese of Bamenda was just four years old, with few priests to administer the Sacraments and share the Gospel message. Churches were few and very far between and the number of members of the laity trained in supporting the Catholic communities was low.

Initially priests from our Diocese worked in Bamenda, teaching the Faith, establishing parishes, training the laity, buildings schools, opening youth ministries, etc. Their mission was hugely successfully and saw the young Church in Bamenda grow and develop. Many Cameroonian young men who responded to the call of the Holy Spirit to the priesthood cite one of those early missionary priests from our Diocese as an important factor in their vocation

Today, we have the great privilege of welcoming priests from Bamenda into our own parishes. Their mission to us is one of renewal at a time when our communities become daily more secular.

We have much to thank God for from this twinning and please God, young men and women in our Diocese will be inspired by our missionary priests from Bamenda to respond positively and selflessly to God's call to them to follow His call for them to the priestly or religious life.

The Portsmouth Bamenda Committee (the PBC) was established to oversee the delivery of projects funded by money raised in our Diocese. Every penny donated is used to support projects and develop and strengthen the special relationship with the Archdiocese of Bamenda.

Golden Jubilee Mass



31st Sunday of the Year – 3rd November 2024

Bamenda Sunday

- 9.15am **Our Lady of the Assumption** (Hedge End)
Mrs Betty Osman RIP
- 11.00am **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)
Joe Foster RIP
- 5.30pm **St. Brigid** (West End)
For the people
- 6.00pm **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)
Polish Mass

Mass Times 2nd – 10th November

OLA – Our Lady of the Assumption (Hedge End)

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

SB – St Brigid (West End)

- Sat 2nd 10.00am **CKSC** **All Souls Day**
12.00am **SB** **All Souls Day**
- Sun 3rd 9.15am **OLA** *Mrs Betty Osman RIP*
11.00am **CKSC** *Joe Foster RIP*
5.30pm **SB** *For the People*
6.00pm **CKSC** *Polish Mass*
- Tue 5th 10.00am. **OLA** *Private Intention*
- Wed 6th 10.00am **SB** *Linda Clelland quick recovery*
- Thu 7th 10.00am **CKSC** *Extra special birthday for
Veronica Whyte*
- Fri 8th 10.00am **OLA**
- Sat 9th 10.00am **CKSC** *Praise and thanksgiving by
Joan St Omer*
- Sun 10th 9.15am **OLA**
11.00am **CKSC** *For the people*
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)

Baptism of Finn, Rory and James Taylor

We welcome Finn, Rory and James Taylor who will be baptised at Christ the King & St Colman, Bitterne on Sunday 3rd November during the 11.00am Mass. Please keep Finn, Rory, James and their family in your prayers.

Bamenda Sunday (3rd November)

Today is Bamenda Sunday. The International Choir will lead the liturgy in CKSC at the 11am Mass. Remember we have Bamenda Sunday donation today in all the Churches.

OPEN CHURCH

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

Confirmation Programme 2025

St. Patrick's will be running a confirmation programme in 2025. The Bishop will come to St. Patrick's Church, Woolston, to do confirmations on Saturday 14th June.

If you (the candidate) would like to join our next confirmation programme and are in **Yr 9 or above in September** and live within our three parish boundaries or attend Mass with us regularly, please send or email a short letter to the Parish Office addressed to Fr Elijah requesting confirmation.

Please include:

- your full name and address.
- your academic year as at September 2024.
- the name of your school or college.
- your parents/guardian email address.
- your own email address, if you have one.

Children's Liturgy in CKSC

There will be no liturgy on Sunday 3rd November due to half term and the building work.

We Dare to Say

Pope Francis has asked us to make this year a time for refreshing our prayer, especially our appreciation and use of the Our Father.

Our final session "For the Glory Is Ours", will be on Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm in CKSC sacristy. All welcome.

For more information look at the link here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/we-dare-to-say/>

Our Lady of the Assumption

First Friday Soup - Friday 1st November

As the winter days start drawing in, why not join us for a lunch of delicious home-made soup with crusty bread at 12.00 noon on Friday 1st November in Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall.

There is no actual charge and all donations go to CAFOD. This "All Saints Day" Friday Soup will be the last one for 2024 as our 'soupmakers' will be taking a break in December and January.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 7th February for our 'First 1st Friday Soup 2025' Please put the date on your New Year Calendar and thank you for all your support during 2024.

CKSC Weekday Masses in Chapel

Weekday Masses will be held in the Eucharistic Chapel until work in the Church is completed. Sunday Masses are unchanged.

Mary Scammell RIP - Mary was a parishioner at St Colman's, who sadly died at the end of September. Her funeral is being held at Wessex Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 5th November at 1pm.

CKSCOLASB Calendar of Events

OLA – Our Lady of the Assumption (Hedge End)

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

SB – St Brigid (West End))

Thu 31st 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)

November

Fri 1st **First Friday Soup** 12 noon (OLA Hall)
Sun 3rd **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** after Holy Mass (CKSC)
Tue 5th 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)
Thu 7th 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)
Fri 8th 7.30pm **Choir Practise** in church hall (CKSC)
Sun 10th **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits** after Holy Mass (SB)
Tue 12th 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)
Thu 14th 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)
Sun 17th **Children's Liturgy** during Mass (OLA)
Tue 19th 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)
Wed 20th 7.00-8.30pm **Carer's Group** (OLA Hall)
Thu 21st 10.30am-12pm **Prayer Group** (CKSC)
10am-12 noon **Open Church** (OLA)
Fri 22nd 7.30pm **Choir Practise** in church hall (CKSC)
Tue 26th 9.30am-12pm **Table Tennis** (OLA Hall)
7.30-9pm **Growing in Faith** (OLA)

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
- **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.

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.

Hedge End & West End Fundraising

It is this time of the year again and we are delighted to announce that the annual **Christmas Mini Mart** will take place this year on **Sunday 01st December 2024 after mass at the Church Hall in Hedge End**

Donation boxes will be placed at the back of the church in Hedge End and West End and tickets will be on sale from **November 10th**.

Donations for the gift stalls, the tombola and raffle, such as good quality unwanted presents, gift sets, toiletries, chocolates, any alcoholic beverages, cards, wrapping paper etc. will be greatly appreciated. Please make sure everything is either new or in particularly good condition and has not passed its sell-by-date. Please no bric-a-brac, old books or clothes or earrings.

Mince pies and Christmas biscuits can also be donated on the day.

We also need urgently help with setting up on Saturday 30th November (time will be announced) and help with the various stalls and serving tea and coffee on the day.

Additionally, we are looking for someone who could help to organise and run the tombola. Any offers will be gratefully received. Ticket sellers for Hedge End and West End are also wanted.

If you can help with any of the required tasks, please email beagillmartin@googlemail.com

Tickets for the Mini Mart are **50p** for an adult, children are free and will include Tea/Coffee and a mince pie or a piece of Stollen.

Please help us make the Mini Mart a success, by donating goods, buying tickets, and attending and enjoying the event.

The New Lectionary

There will be two opportunities to hear about the New Lectionary:

- **Tuesday 5th November**
from 7 to 8 pm, register [here](#)
- **Tuesday 19th November**
from 7 to 8 pm, register [here](#)



To pose a question, please submit it in advance in writing to: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Christmas Complete '24

SCRATCH
Fighting Local Poverty

We are helping SCRATCH again this year to support local children at Christmas with:

- Books
- Board Games and Puzzles
- Teddies and other soft toys
- Age relevant toys (no guns or war type toys please)
- Chocolate and sweets (in their original packaging with a sale by date clearly shown of at least end Jan 25 and list of ingredients)
- Colouring books, pencils, pens and other stationery items
- Teenage gifts
- Gifts for babies and toddlers
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Wrapping paper and sellotape

These are Christmas gifts so secondhand items will only be accepted if they are "as new". Secondhand items can include **books** (with no names written inside), **soft toys** (that are clean and in exceptional condition) **board games and puzzles** (complete and with boxes as new).

The dates we are collecting at OLA are:

- Saturday & Sunday Nov 23rd & 24th
- Saturday & Sunday Nov 30th & Dec 1st

The OLA Church Hall will be open for donation drop-off from **10 am – 4pm** each day.

You can also donate online at www.scratchcharity.co.uk or by scanning the QR code.



Vacancy: Are you interested in supporting your local community? Caritas is recruiting a Community Development Officer based in Southampton and/or Havant parishes to help support people in need. This can be a part or full-time role, including flexible working.

Please visit <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/people/careers/> for more details and how to apply

CHRISTMAS FAIR

AN EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY TO ENJOY
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING,
REFRESHMENTS,
BRIC-A-BRAC, GAMES AND MUCH MORE

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2024
2PM – 4PM

50P ENTRANCE (UNDER 12 FREE)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC
CHURCH
PORTSWOOD ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON SO17
3SB

The Jubilee Prayer

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.*

*May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.*

Amen

Faith on Fire

Following our session on Wednesday, we will meet again on Wednesday, 27th November in Christ the King and St Colman Church at 7.30pm until 8.30pm.

All young people over secondary school age are welcome. We will be looking at poverty and our response to it as Catholic Christians.

Sunday's Readings:

Daily Readings

<https://universalis.com/europe.England/20241103/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>

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