

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

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Divine Mercy Sunday (Year C, Cycle 1)

27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Prayer for Pope Francis

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Pope Francis, O Lord

*Lord Jesus, you have called Pope Francis to yourself. Thank you for the gift of his papacy. When he was with us, He tirelessly showed the Church your constant mercy towards Sinners. Grant him now your mercy and let him rest eternally with you in your kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.*

Amen



## Reflection

### Peace Be With You!

Today is both the Second Sunday of Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday. Christ is alive forever, and is present in our midst, bringing healing and Peace. Thus, we celebrate God's mercy.

In response to Jesus' revelation to Sr. Faustina Kowalska to "let all mankind recognize my unfathomable mercy," Pope John Paul II instituted Divine Mercy Sunday. Because of his boundless mercy, Jesus atones for our sins and makes us right with God at no cost to us, making him the perfect embodiment of God's kindness. According to today's sequence, "we know that Christ is truly risen from the dead." Your mercy, triumphant king!

In today's first reading, we see the power of the risen Christ at work in the life and actions of His disciples. Through this power, many believed, and Christ worked miracles. Jesus manifested his living and glorious presence through his apostles. Hence in our second reading, He assures us: I am the Living One. I was dead, and now I am to live forever and ever...."

In today's gospel, Jesus visited his timid disciples. This gospel teaches us that our faith is distinct from mere sensible knowledge. This visit to his disciples was very significant, **first** to convince them that he was real. **Second**, to restore their faith and peace. Hence, he said to them: "Peace be with you." **Third**, it was to empower them spiritually. So, "He breathed on them saying: Receive the Holy Spirit." Christ's visit restored their courage and faith. However, it took time for Thomas to believe that Christ has risen.

I wish you all a very Blessed Divine Mercy Sunday.

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter

Exposition & Rosary at 9.30am before Mass (Tue-Fri). Sacrament of Confession is available on request.  
Mass Intentions can be requested through Fr Elijah or the Parish Office.

Date	Times & Location			Mass Intentions
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	OLA	Mass	Callaghan family intentions
	11am	CKSC	Mass	Elizabeth Lehyin RIP on the anniversary of her death
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	In thanksgiving for 60 years of marriage of Sheila and Colin Murphy
	6pm	CKSC	Polish Mass	

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK DUE TO FATHER BEING ON HOLIDAY**

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20250427/mass.htm>

## Events

### Within our Parish

**Faith on Fire:** We will be meeting at Christ the King and St Colman's church on Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm. All secondary school and over are welcome.

**Baptism preparation course:** The next baptism preparation course will be run on Sunday 11th & 18th May at 2pm in Christ the King & St Colman's church hall. If you are interested in having your child baptised and attending the course, please contact the parish office to let them know.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of the Assumption Church:** Events to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Hedge End, which was opened on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1975, will include:

- \* 17<sup>th</sup> May **Barn Dance** at West End Parish Centre at 7pm
- \* 14<sup>th</sup> June **Summer Tea Party**
- \* 25<sup>th</sup> July 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Summer Quiz**
- \* 16<sup>th</sup> August **Parish Summer Picnic** at Manor Farm

**Red Box 2024: Thank you!** In 2024, the parish raised £1072.25 through our Red Boxes and donations to missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Our missionary community here is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support enable people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. For more info, visit [missio.org.uk](https://missio.org.uk)

**Jubilee of Hope Companion Booklets:** Jubilee of Hope Companion Booklets are available in all three churches. These are free, with a suggested donation of £1 to cover the cost to the Parishes.

### Within the Diocese and beyond

**Rosary Rally:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2pm at The Bargate, High St, Southampton SO14 2DJ. Join both the Marian Franciscans & the Parish of the Holy Family in consoling Our Lady & praying for the end of evil in the times that we live in.

**CELEBRATE festival:** In this year of Jubilee, connect with other families and people of all ages for a time of fun, faith and friendship at CELEBRATE festival! Happening 16-20 August at Worth School, West Sussex, with camping and residential accommodation options available. Go to <https://celebratetrust.org/festival> to find out more.

## Recurring Events

### *Our Lady of the Assumption – Hedge End*

- Tea Coffee, Biscuits, Friendly Chat in the hall every Sunday after Holy Mass
- Children's Liturgy during Mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month
- 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 during term time
- Tea, Coffee, Biscuits & friendly chat in the hall every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month
- Choir practice in hall - 7:30pm on 2nd & 4th Friday each month. All welcome.

### *St Brigid – West End*

- Tea, coffee & cake every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after Mass

## Continuing to Support 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 mention which fund you are donating to as a reference.

Make out cheques for Fr Elijah to Rev Fru N Elijah

Thank you for your support