

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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4th Sunday of Easter (Year C, Cycle 1)

11th May 2025

This week we welcome Fr Kevin to our Parish, who will be saying Sunday masses for us.

Reflection from Fr Henry Wansbrough (The Wednesday Word)

Jesus' teaching on the Good Shepherd is the nearest saying approaching a parable in John's gospel. It is so important that the Church puts it before us on the fourth Sunday of Easter in each of the three cycles of readings. Apart from its obvious sense of Jesus looking after his sheep – and silly, confused sheep at that – this image receives special meaning from the figure of the shepherd in the Old Testament. God is the primary shepherd of Israel, who pastures his sheep in pastures green so that they fear no evil (Psalm 23). In Ezekiel 34 God promises to free Israel from the self-centred shepherds who keep the sheep for their own advantage, and to send them a true shepherd after his own heart, a second King David, who will tend them as God himself would care for them. Thus, in putting before us each year in Eastertide this proclamation that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the Church is affirming the risen Christ as the divine Shepherd who tends his flocks. Particularly in these verses we see the unity of the risen Christ and the Father in their role of shepherds of the sheep, just as in our second reading from the Book of Revelation we see the unity of the LORD God and the Lamb, both revered on the one throne.

What is involved in imitating Christ as shepherd?

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Mass Times and Intentions

4th 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 11 th May | 9.15am | OLA | Mass | Emma (Nikki's sister) who is seriously ill |
| | 11am | CKSC | Mass | |
| | 5.30pm | SB | Mass | |
| | 6pm | CKSC | Polish Mass | |
| Tue 13 th May | 10am | OLA | Mass | John William James George Parks RIP |
| Wed 14 th May | 10am | SB | Mass | For Thomas Pearson and deceased relatives |
| Thur 15 th May | 10am | CKSC | Mass | For the people |
| Fri 16 th May | 10am | OLA | Mass | |
| Sat 17 th May | 10am | CKSC | Mass | For the people |
| Sun 18 th May | 9.15am | OLA | Mass | For the wellbeing of Fr Andy Graydon & the community of Blessed William Richardson church in Kiveton, South Yorkshire |
| | 11am | CKSC | Mass | |
| | 5.30pm | SB | Mass | |
| | 6pm | CKSC | Polish Mass | |

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20250511/mass.htm>

Second Collection – Sunday 11th May – Diocesan Clergy Training Fund

Events



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Chris Cookson, who died on Sunday 4th May. May she rest peace. Funeral details will be advised when they are available.

Within our Parish

Churches Together in Bitterne Quiz Night: Join us for a Quiz night in support of Christian Aid on Friday 16th May at 7.30pm, United Reformed Church (above Iceland), Bitterne. Free admission, with a Ploughman's Supper! If you would like to go, please call 02380 431067 or speak with Jackie Lang. Thank you.



Get your tickets for the Barn Dance: The 50th Anniversary Barn Dance is being held at the West End Parish Centre on Saturday 17th May dancing starts at 7:30pm. Tickets are available after Sunday Mass from Jane Ingram (OLA), Joan Campbell (CKSC) and Beatrice Gill (SB). £10 for adults (children free) bring food to share and your own drinks. Bring your friends and come and enjoy a fun evening of dancing with The Harvesters Barn dance Band and Caller.

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

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

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

Retreat for Engaged and Married Couples: 13th-15th June 2025 – *Nurturing Hope in the family...* On the Isle of Wight Verbum Dei Retreat Centre. To register or for more info: verbumdei.iow@gmail.com www.uk.verbumdei.org

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 3rd 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 1st 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 2nd 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

