

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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6th Sunday of Easter (Year C, Cycle 1)

25th May 2025

Reflection — The Holy Spirit: The Radiant Glory of Christ, Enlightens us

One figure that features in all the readings of this sixth Sunday of Easter is the Holy Spirit. As Jesus is gradually approaching the end of his earthly ministry, he promised to send us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the radiant glory that enlightens us. If we remain docile to Him, he will guide us through life.

In the first reading, the Apostles never make any decisions without consulting the Holy Spirit. Also, they could not carry out any important missions without the Holy Spirit. The second reading begins thus: “In the Spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous mountain.” In today’s gospel, he promised to send the Advocate to his disciple. However, this does not mean that Christ’s era has come to an end. Instead, it implies that he is not leaving us orphans. This Sunday, Jesus assures us that the Holy Spirit will teach and enlighten us about all that he taught us.

.At this juncture, in the history of the world, the need to listen to the Holy Spirit is crucial. As Christians, there are so many intrigues, perplexities, and dilemmas that we must contend with within our world today. If we must survive the perils of our time, we must make the Holy Spirit our Advocate and our Partner. “No one can say Jesus is Lord except by the power of the Holy Spirit” (I Cor. 12, 3). Only through his inspiration can we see visions and have good dreams. Only through the guidance of the Holy Spirit can we face the struggles of this life and succeed in our missionary endeavors.

Mass Times and Intentions

6th 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 & Feasts
Sun 25 th May	9.15am	OLA	Mass	Thomas & Jane Simpson & deceased relatives Margaret Mary Miller For the repose of the soul of Guido Camilleri, Francis, Antonia, Doris and Elsie
	11am	CKSC	Mass	
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	
	6pm	CKSC	Polish Mass	
Tue 27 th May	10am	SB	Funeral Mass	<i>Funeral of Peter Humphreys</i>
Wed 28 th May	7pm	OLA	Vigil Mass	<i>Ascension of the Lord (Holy day of Obligation)</i>
Thur 29 th May	10am	CKSC	Mass	<i>Ascension of the Lord (Holy day of Obligation)</i>
Fri 30 th May	10am	OLA	Funeral Mass	<i>Funeral of Chris Cookson</i>
Sat 31 th May	10am	CKSC	Mass	
Sun 1 st June	9.15am	OLA	Mass	Special Intention For the people For the people
	11am	CKSC	Mass	
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	
	6pm	CKSC	Polish Mass	

This Sunday’s readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20250525/mass.htm>

Events



The funeral Mass of Chris Cookson will be at 10am on Friday 30th May at Our Lady of the Assumption, Hedge End followed by committal at West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium. There will be refreshments afterwards in the hall at OLA.

The funeral Mass of Peter Humphreys will be at 10am on Tuesday 27th May at St Brigid, West End. Please do join us to thank the Lord for Peter's life.

Please continue to keep those who have died recently in your prayers.

Within our Parish

Faith on Fire

Our next session is on Wednesday 28th May at 7.30-8.30pm in Christ the King and St Colman side room. Please use the side entrance. We will be looking at the Holy Spirit, who he is, do we believe in him?, does he impact our lives? and anything else that comes up in our sharings. All secondary school young people and older very welcome. For more information drop Deirdre a message on 07828810009.

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:

- * 14th June Summer Tea Party in OLA hall
- * 25th July 50th Anniversary Summer Quiz held in OLA hall. Tickets will be available soon.
- * 16th August Parish Summer Picnic at Hamble Country Park, on the grass area between the barn café and tree line. Please bring your own picnic. Car parking charges will apply.
- * A big thank you to everyone who participated in the fantastic Barn Dance and all the food that was shared. It was a great night that was well supported by people from all the churches. Also a huge thank you to The Harvesters Band who kept us dancing, or trying to follow the instructions! Fun and laughter all evening.

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
- 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
- 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

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Make out cheques for Fr Elijah to Rev Fru N Elijah

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