

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)

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/>

Diocese Safeguarding Contact: safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

7th Sunday of Easter (Year C, Cycle 1)

1st June 2025

Reflection Our Goals: Faith, Unity and Eternal Life

Today, the 7th Sunday of Easter, focuses on faith, unity, and eternal life. The readings highlight the steadfastness of Stephen, the prayer of Jesus for unity among believers, and the invitation to eternal life. These themes guide us to deepen our faith, strengthen our community, and embrace God's grace.

In the first reading, Stephen is full of faith and the Holy Spirit. Even when facing death, he does not waver. He forgives those who are stoning him, just like Jesus did on the cross. Stephen's faith and forgiveness are examples for us. We can learn from Stephen to stand firm in our faith, even when it is hard. Sometimes, we may face challenges or people who do not understand our faith. In the Gospel, Jesus prays for all believers to be united. He prays that we may be one just as He and the Father are one. Jesus wants us to love one another and work together. When we are united, we reflect God's love and build a stronger Church and community. We can work towards unity by supporting and caring for each other. Praying together, helping those in need, and showing kindness are ways to build unity. The second reading talks about Jesus offering the water of life freely. This invitation is open to everyone. It shows God's desire for all people to have eternal life. This means God's grace is available to all, without exception. We can accept this invitation by sharing the good news with others and inviting them to know Jesus.

Mass Times and Intentions

7th 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 1 st June	9.15am	OLA	Mass	Special Intention
	11am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	For the people
	6pm	CKSC	Polish Mass	
Tue 3 rd June	10am	OLA	Mass	For the people
Wed 4 th June	10am	SB	Mass	
Thur 5 th June	10am	CKSC	Mass	Patrick Callaghan and deceased relatives
Fri 6 th June	10am	OLA	Mass	
Sat 7 th June	10am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
Sun 8 th June	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For the people
	11am	CKSC	Mass	For the people
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	
	6pm	CKSC	Polish Mass	

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20250601/mass.htm>

Second Collection – 1st June – Catholic Communications Network

Events

Within our Parish

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 3pm-5pm in OLA hall.** Enjoy a selection of delicious sandwiches, cakes, scones and biscuits with plenty of tea or coffee; for £5 per person with all proceeds going to Mountbatten Hospice. Please phone 07597775961 to book your place for catering purposes. We look forward to welcoming you.
- * **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.

Children's CAFOD Cake Sale : Thank you to all those who contributed to the children's cake sale in Hedge End. The children raised £181.30 for CAFOD

Bring & share lunch on Pentecost Sunday 8th June : To celebrate Pentecost & the feast of St Colman we'll be having a shared lunch outside after 11am Mass. Everyone welcome. Please bring along some food to share. **NOTE** that the church car park at CKSC will be closed on Sunday 8th June due to this event.

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

Diocesan interreligious Team: Peace Walk : The Diocesan Interreligious Team, in association with SCOF (Southampton Council of Faiths), invite you to its summer 'Peace Walk' in Southampton on 22nd June commencing at 12.30pm at the Peace Fountain in East Park . Participants will walk to a Mosque, Gurdwara, Synagogue and Catholic Church. Food will be provided at the Gurdwara.

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