

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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Pentecost (Year C, Cycle 1)

8th June 2025

Happy Birthday: To the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the climax of our Easter celebrations, which marks the beginning of the new covenant and the birth of the public life and mission of the church. Pentecost is the celebration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Its goal is Mission, aimed at creating unity that respects diversity as Pentecost reverses the confusion of Babel (cf. Gen. 11: 1-9).

Our first reading relates the events of the coming of the Holy Spirit as a great manifestation of God's power. Speaking in different tongues was a miracle, a clear manifestation of the mission of the universal church, and a sign of human unity. In the second reading, Paul reminds us that, through our "Pentecostal experience," an indelible mark has been placed upon us. Hence, God has specially configured us for his mission. Today's gospel reminds us of the principal roles of the Holy Spirit. These include advocating, teaching, and reminding us of the things we ought to know. However, for this to be possible, we must be ready to cooperate with him.

The Holy Spirit we have received today is not a spirit of fear and timidity. Instead, it is the Spirit that empowers us and makes us children of God. God gives us the Holy Spirit that we might bear good fruits that will last (Gal. 5:22) and to help and empower others, as well as lead us into the kingdom of righteousness, and peace and bring us to the fullness of life.

Mass Times and Intentions

Pentecost & 10th week in Ordinary Time

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 8 th June <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	For the people For the people In thanksgiving for Veronica Hoskins & Colin Murphy on their birthdays
Tue 10 th June	10am	OLA	Mass	Callaghan & Young family intentions
Wed 11 th June	10am 1pm	SB OLA	Mass Mass	Special intentions Ave Maria Home Educators – ALL WELCOME!
Thur 12 th June				NO MASS
Fri 13 th June	10am	OLA	Mass	For Valentina Lubnevic RIP
Sat 14 th June	10am	CKSC	Mass	Special intentions
Sun 15 th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	For Mary Sponder RIP For the people For the people

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20250608mass.htm>

Thank you: On behalf of the Cookson, Miller and Parsons families, Marion, Doug, Nathan and Ruth want to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came to Chris Cookson's funeral and to the parish family for all your help and support.

Events

Within our Parish

50th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Assumption Church: Come and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the church of Our Lady of the Assumption at the Summer Tea Party. On 14th June, at 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.

Faith on Fire: Our last session before the summer is on Wednesday 25th June from 6.30pm. We will be having a BBQ in for a bit of fun and social time. All young people welcome. For more info message Deirdre 07828810009

Make a Joyful Noise!: HEWEB Churches Together are raising funds for Mountbatten Hampshire & the Food Centre/Pantry Hedge End with local choirs performing. On Sat 28th June, at 3pm, St James' Church West End. Free entry, please book at <https://buytickets.at/stjameschurchwestend/1629658> To join the Catholic choir contact Claire on 07910781801.

Confirmation: If you are interested in looking at being confirmed please send your name and contact details into the office before the end of July. We will be starting in September to prepare for this great sacrament. Signing up does not mean you are committed to be confirmed, just that you'd like to join us on the journey. We are excited to meet you and to get to know you better! More information and invitations will follow shortly.

Within the Diocese and beyond

Stella Maris: is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (on 12/13 July) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If interested, contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org or call 07887 893 763.

CAFOD: in this Year of Jubilee, Pope Francis calls on us to be tangible signs of hope for those of our sisters and brothers who experience hardships of any kind. Visit cafod.org.uk/hope to pledge a monthly gift to CAFOD this Holy Year and support communities around the world experiencing the challenges of poverty, injustice, conflict and climate change.



CAFOD – Global Debt Crisis: We are gathering signatures for a global church petition to world leaders who can make a great difference to this situation if they chose to. 54 countries from Kenya to Sri Lanka are facing debt distress. Many are forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than on health, education, or lifesaving climate measures. Often, they have already re-paid their debts once, but due to unscrupulous lenders and extortionate interest rates, they are often left paying for the original debt many times over. This cannot be right. 2025 is a jubilee year, which is when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. Let us stand in unity to demand action on debt crisis. Please sign the petitions at the back of the churches and help to put pressure on our government to make legislation to stop banks and lenders in this country charge unjust rates of interest. See the website for more information CAFOD.org.uk

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

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

St Brigid – West End

- Tea, coffee & cake every 2nd Sunday of the month after Mass

- 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

- 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.

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