

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

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Sts Peter & Paul (Year C, Cycle 1)

29th June 2025

Reflection from Fr Elijah: The Lord stood by me and gave me strength (2 Tim. 4:17)

Today we celebrate the solemnity of two pillars of the Church, saints Peter and Paul. Very different characters, both were transformed by their encounter with the Lord and united in their witness to him.

Peter, a fisherman from Bethsaida in Galilee, was chosen by Jesus as leader of the apostles. Our Gospel today recounts Simon's (Peter) confession that Jesus is 'the Christ, the Son of the living God' (Mt. 16:15). Simon was never afraid to speak up and say what he thought even when his companions were reduced to silence. Acknowledging the divine inspiration behind Simon's words Jesus replies: 'You are Peter (Rock) and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the underworld shall not prevail against it' (Mt. 16:18). Peter was crucified under Nero and buried at the Vatican

On the other hand, Paul, a devout and zealous Pharisee from Tarsus in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) was chosen by the risen Christ to bring the gospel to the Gentiles (non-Jewish peoples). St. Paul, perhaps is the greatest missionary of all time. He is portrayed as the tireless voyager, bearing the new faith to the farthest corners of the known world. He is noted for initiating a new age in mission: taking the Gospel beyond the rather confined circle of the apostles and giving concrete expression to its universal relevance. It was Paul who sowed the seeds of Christian faith in many of the great centers of the Roman civilization of his day, including Greece, Italy, Malta. He was beheaded along the *Via Ostiense* and buried on the site nearby.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sts Peter & Paul & 13th 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 29 th June <i>St Peter & St Paul</i>	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For Christine Palethorpe in celebration of her 70 th birthday For the people For the people
	11am	CKSC	Mass	
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	
Tue 1 st July	10am	OLA	Mass	Claire Waas RIP
Wed 2 nd July	10am	SB	Mass	Funeral of Patrick McGonigle
	3pm	SB	Funeral Mass	
Thur 3 rd July	10am	CKSC	Mass	
Fri 4 th July	10am	OLA	Mass	In thanksgiving
Sat 5 th July	10am	CKSC	Mass	
Sun 6 th July	9.15am	OLA	Mass	For the people For the people
	11am	CKSC	Mass	
	5.30pm	SB	Mass	
	6pm	CKSC	Mass (in Polish)	

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20250629/mass.htm>

Second Collection – 29th June – **Peter's Pence** - financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need



Congratulations to Mandlenkosi, who is being baptised during 11am Mass on Sunday 29th June. Please continue to hold him, his parents and family in your prayers.

Events

Within our Parish

Welcomers for 11am Mass: Thank you for the wonderful response for new members to join the welcoming team for 11am Mass at CKSC. A new welcomers rota - starting Sunday 6th July - is available to pick up at the back of the church. Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks goes out to those stepping down from the welcoming team.

HE&WE Parish Donation Day: Sunday 6th July. Today Sunday 29th June in Hedge End and West End a speaker will make an appeal on behalf of the Finance Committee for our Parish Donation Day. This is our main Fund-Raising event of the year towards the maintenance and upkeep of our churches in Hedge End and West End. Please be as generous as you possibly can, to help support the present and future of our parish community and its continuing part in the work of the Lord. If you have not picked up an envelope yet, please ask the Minister of Welcome to give you one. Please remember to hand in your envelope with your donation on the 6th of July or before if you wish.

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.

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:

- * 25th July 50th Anniversary Summer Quiz held in OLA hall. Tickets will be available soon.

Collection figures for Hedge End/West End for May 2025

Looseplate	£702.63
Standing orders and direct payments	£1483.50
Hall Income	£256.00
Fundraising - other	£21.00
Church rent	£210.00

Income tax reclaimed	£860.00
Donation for Anniversary plaque	£80.00
CAFOD	£181.90
Clergy Training Fund	£73.95

Within the Diocese and beyond

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

- 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 after Holy Mass 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