

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

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14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C, Cycle 1)

6<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Reflection from Fr Elijah: Instruments of Christ's Peace

**“Nothing is lost by peace...Jesus brings us peace and leaves us peace” (Pius XII).** Today, the Church draws our attention to the need for and importance of peace in our world. Ordinarily, one would expect humanity to enjoy more peace and harmony with all the scientific innovations. Unfortunately, not. This is because peace comes from God. So, it must be appreciated, nurtured, and preserved.

In today's first reading, God in his infinite goodness offers us peace: “Now towards her I send overflowing peace like a river.” Here, God calls us to be messengers, instruments, and agents of this peace. It must flow from and through us to others.

In today's psalm and second reading, Paul prays that peace may reign in our hearts: “Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.” We must make room for peace so that our joy may be complete in Jesus Christ.

In today's gospel, Jesus equips us with the message we must bring to our world: “Peace be with this house.” It is a gift we must offer to our world. With the peace that Christ offers us, we must be prepared to transform our world from a culture of war and hatred to a culture of peace.

Finally, peace is precious and golden. Like joy, it is contagious. If we have peace, it will affect others positively. Therefore, like Francis of Assisi, let us pray: “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

## Mass Times and Intentions

### 14<sup>th</sup> 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 6 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	For the people For the people
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	OLA	Mass	For Jackie and Ian having operations this week
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	SB	Mass	Special Intention
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	CKSC	Mass	Special Intention
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	OLA	Mass	Special Intention
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	CKSC	Mass	
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	John & Kathleen Pearson & deceased relatives For Agatha St Omer RIP

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20250706/mass.htm>

**Second Collection – 13<sup>th</sup> July – Stella Maris, the Apostleship of the Sea**

We welcome the Churches Together in Bitterne community to our 11am Mass this Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>), who are joining us to celebrate Mass as a part of the Lord's universal church.

## 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:** Today is Parish Donation Day! This is our main fund-raising event of the year with proceeds to fund the maintenance and upkeep of our churches. So please give what you can to help 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 hand you one. Please return the envelope with your donation today or on the Sundays following.

**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.

**Quiz Night:** Please do come along to our '50th Anniversary Summer Fun Quiz Night' at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall on Friday 25th July from 7.00pm (to form teams) ready for a 7.30pm start. £5.00 per adult - children free. Price includes tea/coffee/squash and a Ham/Cheese Ploughman's Supper. Feel free to bring your own alcoholic drinks and bring some cash for a fun raffle! Tickets will be on sale in our three churches from this Sunday 6th July. Please put your name and ticket number on the sign-up sheet: for catering & hall capacity purposes. Looking forward to welcoming you :-)

**Gospel Concert:** Many thanks to the parishioners who sang beautifully as 'Catholic Harmony' at the 'Make a Joyful Noise!' concert in West End on 28th June, and to the parishioners who supported the event. We helped to raise wider awareness of our own churches, music and faith, plus £1091 for local charities.

### 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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