

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

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C, Cycle 1)

13th July 2025

Reflection from Fr Elijah: God is Close to us in His Word and in Our Neighbour

Today, the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate our God who is ever close to us, in His word and in our neighbour. In the image of the Good Samaritan, Christ is close to us in all life circumstances.

Our first reading is part of the farewell message and final instruction of Moses to his people. Here, Moses reminds us that God is alive, active, and ever close to us in his word, “For this Law is not beyond your strength or your reach.” Hence, today’s psalm admonishes us: “Seek the Lord, and your hearts will revive.”

In the second reading, Paul also reminds us of how close God is to us. Through His son Jesus Christ, God came to dwell among us to reconcile us with himself.

In the gospel, Jesus directed the young man to the scriptures. By doing this, Jesus tries to let him understand that we can find God in his Word, which is close to him. Therefore, to love God is to love his word. He further buttressed this by telling the story of the Good Samaritan, the personification of the Word of God. The word of God is Jesus himself, who speaks to us, and Jesus who is ever close to us like the Good Samaritan.

The Good Samaritan represents those who seek Christ in the weak, wounded, and needy. He represents those who are mindful of their neighbours and the wounded. Also, he represents Christ, who is always quick to come to our help when we are weak, despised, and abandoned.. Hence, the Psalmist asks, “What great nation has its gods so close to it as the Lord, our God?” (Dt. 4:7).

Mass Times and Intentions

15th 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 13 th 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 For the people
Tue 15 th July	10am	OLA	Mass	
Wed 16 th July	10am	SB	Mass	In thanksgiving
Thur 17 th July	10am	CKSC	Mass	For Mr & Mrs J Amos (RIP) on the anniversary of their death
Fri 18 th July	10am	OLA	Mass	For Penny Adams (RIP)
Sat 19 th July			NO MASS	
Sun 20 th July	9.15am 11am 5.30pm 6pm	OLA CKSC SB CKSC	Mass Mass Mass Mass (in Polish)	Thomas & Anastasia & deceased relatives For Robert Sim (RIP) On the 13 th anniversary of Archie Gibson’s death and for all deceased relatives.

This Sunday’s readings can be found at <https://universalis.com/europe.english/20250713/mass.htm>

Second Collection – 13th July – Stella Maris, the Apostleship of the Sea



The family of Julia Baldwin invite you to join them in remembering and celebrating her life. At Wessex Vale crematorium, West End, on Thursday 24th July at 1pm.

Events

Within our Parish

First reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation: All parents who would like their child, in Year 4 or above, to make their First Holy Communion in our parish this year are asked to register their interest NOW by sending an email to the parish office ckscolasb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please could you include your name, your child's name, which school they attend and in which year group they will be in September. You will then be sent an introductory letter. Thank you.

Quiz Night: '50th Anniversary Summer Fun Quiz Night' at OLA 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 😊

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.

HE&WE Parish Donation Day: Thank you to everyone who handed in their envelope and donated money to our much-needed funds on Parish Donation Day. If you have not returned your envelope, could you please do so as soon as possible. There are spare envelopes to be given out if needed. Just ask one of the Ministers of Welcome to hand you one. Thank you very much for your help.

Within the Diocese and beyond

Holiday Bible Club: Join Churches Together to explore the story of Jonah and the whale at St Luke's church, Hedge End, SO30 2US. Ages 5-11 yrs, 4th-8th August, 10am-12pm, £6 per child/week. Book hewebholidaybibleclubbookings@gmail.com

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 after Holy Mass every 1st Sunday of the month
- Choir practice in hall - 7:30pm on 2nd & 4th Friday each month. All welcome.

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Account Name: CDP Hedge End Our Lady
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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

Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy divine son Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today for all the Holy souls who have departed, for sinners everywhere, in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.